

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Environmental Assessments Proposed construction of communication towers Mississippi Wireless Integrated Network (MSWIN) project

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is considering providing funds through the Mississippi Interoperable Communications Grant Program to the State of Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission (MWCC) for the construction of several communications towers in Mississippi. The proposed telecommunications sites would be part of the Mississippi Wireless Integrated Network (MSWIN) project, which is intended to provide and enhance interoperable communications uses for a wide variety of government, public safety, and first-responder users within the State of Mississippi.

Tower	Height (Feet)	Type	Street	Town	County
30203	400	Self-Support	Off of Mississippi Hwy 12	Lexington	Holmes
30206	450	Self-Support	Off of Burdett Road	Leland	Washington
30209	320	Self-Support	Off of County Road 125	North Carrollton	Carroll
30214	400	Self-Support	Off of US Highway 61	Shelby	Bolivar
30301	370	Guyed	Off of Jordan Hill Road	Charleston	Tallahatchie
30401	450	Guyed	Off of Highway 41	Pontotoc	Pontotoc
30412	600	Guyed	Off of State Highway 370	Ashland	Benton
30413	350	Self-Support	Off of County Road 600	Walnut	Alcorn

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental planning and historic preservation requirements, a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) has been prepared for each proposed tower site to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project on the human and natural environment. The DEAs summarize the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed projects.

The DEAs are available for 15-day public review from August 1, 2011 through August 16, 2011 at the locations in the table below. The DEAs can also be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region4.shtm>.

Tower	Local Office	Address		Phone
30203	Lexington Public Library	208 Tchula Street	Lexington, MS 39095	662-834-2571
30206	Washington County Library	341 Main Street	Greenville, MS 38701	662-335-2331
30209	Carrollton Public Library	1102 Lexington Street	Carrollton, MS 38917	662-237-6268
30214	Bolivar County Library	104 South Leflore Avenue	Cleveland, MS 38732	662-843-2774
30301	Tallahatchie County Library	102 East Walnut Street	Charleston, MS 38921	662-647-2638
30401	Pontotoc County Library	111 N. Main Street	Pontotoc, MS 38863	662-489-3960
30412	Robert M. Bond Memorial Library	247 Court Street	Ashland, MS 38603	662-224-6400
30413	Walnut Library	650 Main Street	Walnut, MS 38683	662-223-6768

Written comments on the DEAs may be submitted to FEMA's Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation as follows:

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Comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm August 16, 2011. If no substantive comments are received, the DEAs will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice.