

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
Draft Environmental Assessment
Water Main Relocation
City of Longview
Cowlitz County, WA**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide funds to the City of Longview (the City) to relocate a portion of a water main that was damaged by a landslide during a storm event in the winter of 2006.

FEMA prepared a Draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FEMA's implementing regulations found in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10. The EA evaluates project alternatives and compliance with applicable environmental laws and Executive Orders #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #11988 (Floodplain Management), and #12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are the (1) No Action; and (2) Proposed Action (or Preferred Alternative) toward which FEMA would contribute funding, and 3) Other Alternatives Considered but not carried forward in the analysis.

A landslide above the west bank of Clark Creek caused several sections of 10-inch diameter water main to separate and dislodge due to slide movement, damaging approximately 250 lineal feet of unrestrained ductile iron pipe. The water main is an inter-tie in the distribution system which connects water mains on Clark Creek Lane and Clark Creek Road, and helps to boost system pressure farther out in the system. Emergency water service was installed to temporarily restore domestic water service to the affected residents but fire hydrants at the end of Clark Creek Road remain out of service due to inadequate water pressure.

A new 10-inch water main needs to be installed to permanently repair the damage and restore the City's distribution system to pre-disaster capacity. Approximately 22 residences on Clark Creek Road above the location of the inter-tie are impacted by reduced water pressure and lack of fire flow. The project is located in SE ¼ of Section 12 and the SW ¼ of Section 7, in T8N, R2W of the Willamette Meridian, Cowlitz County. It would span unimproved land (parcel WL1204001) beginning near 150 Clark Creek Lane, continue in an easterly direction over the hillside and cross under Clark Creek then connect with an existing water main along Clark Creek Road.

The Draft EA is available for review online at the FEMA environmental website at: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments> under Region X. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and fund the project. Unless substantive comments are received, FEMA will not publish another notice for this project. However, should a FONSI be issued, it will be available for public viewing at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments> under Region X.

Written comments on the Draft EA should be received no later than 5 pm on October 9, 2011, and sent to Mark Eberlein, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region 10, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell Washington 98021-9796 or by e-mail at mark.eberlein@dhs.gov.