

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)**  
**for the Proposed Means Lake Road Relocation**  
**Catahoula Parish, Louisiana**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse eligible applicants for eligible costs to repair and/or replace facilities damaged by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding during the period of October 29 to November 3, 2009. This notice applies to the Public Assistance (PA) program implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206.

Interested persons are hereby notified that Catahoula Parish has applied to FEMA for assistance with the proposed realignment of Means Lake Road that was severely damaged by flooding from the Ouachita River. This project is located at latitude 31.67679, longitude -91.79662, in a rural area on the east bank of the Ouachita River approximately 4 miles northeast of the City of Jonesville, Louisiana.

The proposed project would reconstruct Means Lake Road approximately 250 feet further east of the Ouachita River onto adjacent land acquired from Means Lake Corporation. The centerline of the proposed road begins at latitude 31.67713, longitude -91.79700 (+/-6 feet), and ends at latitude 31.67384, longitude -91.79612 (+/- 8 feet). The Parish proposes to construct a 1,270 feet in length by 18 feet in width aggregate surface road to bypass the existing road. The subgrade would be compacted and a 0.7 foot compacted depth crushed surfacing base course would be applied and compacted. A 0.3 foot compacted depth crushed surfacing top coarse would then be applied. The stormwater treatment for the new road would be through infiltration alongside slopes adjacent to the roadway. Although the road will remain in the FEMA floodplain, the road would move to slightly higher land, allowing residents and emergency vehicles safer access during 100-year floods. The existing roadway would be removed and planted with native vegetation. The remainder of the gravel roadway would remain but would be maintained by Catahoula Parish.

The purpose and need for the project is to find a solution to provide safe vehicular access that will not be compromised by regular flooding damage.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm>. The Draft EA can also be viewed at the Catahoula Parish Police Jury Office located at 301 Bushley Street, Room 104, Harrisonburg, LA 71340 or the Catahoula Parish Library locate at 300 Bushley Street, Harrisonburg, LA 71340 during the hours of 8:00am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. For after hours viewing, contact the Catahoula Parish Police Jury office at 318-744-5435.

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date of October 26, 2011. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or faxed to the contact below.

If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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