

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**  
**Draft Environmental Assessment**  
**Rainbow Falls State Park Entrance Project**  
**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Lewis County, Washington**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide partial funding to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (State Parks) for an alternate project to redevelop an existing service access road to serve as the public entrance to the park. During a 2007 winter storm, flooding of the Chehalis River destroyed a vehicle bridge that previously served as the public entrance to Rainbow Falls State Park, located near Dryad in Lewis County, Washington.

FEMA prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations. The EA evaluates project alternatives and compliance with applicable environmental laws and Executive Orders (EOs) including EO 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated include: (1) No Action, and (2) Proposed Action (or Preferred Alternative) toward which FEMA would contribute funding to improve the northern entrance off of Leudinghaus Road for use as the primary public access to the state park. Redevelopment would consist of constructing a new welcome center and parking area, and improving the entrance road and Leudinghaus Road intersection.

The Draft EA is available for viewing at the following locations:

Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library  
400 N Market Blvd  
Chehalis, WA 98532

FEMA website:

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region10.shtm>

State Parks website:

<http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans/separeviews/>

If no substantive issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project. The Final EA and FONSI will be available for viewing at the FEMA website noted above. Unless substantive comments are received, FEMA will not publish another notice for this project. Please submit your written comments to FEMA Region X Environmental Officer Mark Eberlein no later than 5 p.m. on January 20, 2012. Comments can be provided by any one of three methods:

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