

PUBLIC NOTICE

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Draft Environmental Assessment
FEMA-1733-DR-OR
Port of Tillamook Bay
Tillamook, Oregon
Port of Tillamook Bay New Construction Projects**

Notice is hereby given that FEMA plans to assist the Port of Tillamook Bay (POTB) by providing partial funding for four new independent construction projects at the POTB industrial and transportation facility located at the former United States Naval Air Station (NAS) Tillamook. Funding for the alternate project stems from damages incurred to the POTB railroad line during severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that occurred from December 1-17, 2007. The event was declared a Presidential disaster on December 8, 2007 under FEMA-1733-DR-OR. The POTB Board of Commissioners determined the public would not be best served by repairing the damaged railroad line and requested funding to develop the alternate project. Federal financial assistance would be provided pursuant to the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

FEMA has 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 draft EA will be finalized after agency and public review and input. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders No. 11988 (Floodplain Management), No. 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and No. 12898 (Environmental Justice). Alternative 1 is the No Action Alternative, which would not provide funding. Alternative 2 is the Proposed Action Alternative and would fund four new construction projects, including an Airport Business Park, Port Shops, greenhouses, and water loop improvements.

This notice will constitute as the final notice as required by Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. 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.

The draft EA is available for viewing at the POTB main office and website (www.potb.org), the City of Tillamook library and City Hall, the Tillamook County Courthouse, and at www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm for a 15-day public review and comment period. The reduced public comment period is allowed due to an extension scoping invitation sent out by FEMA on October 14, 2011, for this draft EA with a 14-day public comment period. No substantive comments were received. Please submit your written comments to Mark Eberlein, FEMA Region X Environmental Officer, no later than midnight on February 2, 2012. Comments can be submitted by:

1. By mail to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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2. Fax at: (425) 487-4613
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After the public comment period ends, the final EA and the FONSI will be available for viewing at: http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm.