

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)
for the Proposed Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, Gomez Peak, Communication
Tower
Jeff Davis County, Texas
Homeland Security Grant Program
Project # 2010-SS-T0-0008 (12394)

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Homeland Security Grant Program for funding to assist with the construction of a 120-foot self-support communications tower located at 656 Deer Camp Road, on privately owned property, approximately 8.5 miles east of Kent, Texas at Latitude: 31.035833 and Longitude: -104.081944. The proposed Gomez Peak Communication Tower Site will be a part of a trunking system within the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Regional Trunked System associated with other towers in the neighboring counties of Ector, Upton, Pecos and Brewster Counties.

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 Jeff Davis County Library, 100 Jefferson Square, Fort Davis, TX 79734, Monday through Friday between 10:00am and 6:00pm.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of July 12, 2012. 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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