

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
Draft Environmental Assessment
Replacement of Fire Station #1 (Main Station)
Lewis County Fire District #13
Lewis County, WA**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide funds to Lewis County Fire District #13 (Fire District) to demolish and construct in its place Fire Station #1, damaged by flooding in December 2007 when a debris jam at a bridge diverted water from the South Fork Chehalis River into the project area. The facility sustained so much damage that the Lewis County Building Official condemned the structure.

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 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are the (1) No Action; and (2) Proposed Action (or Preferred) Alternatives toward which FEMA would contribute funding, and 3) Other Alternatives Considered but not carried forward in the analysis.

The proposed volunteer fire station location is:

Station #1 (Main Station) – 997 Boistfort Road, Boistfort, WA; SW ¼ of Section 44, T12N, R4W, Willamette Meridian (Lat. 46.54866, Long. -123.13236).

The Draft EA is available for review online at the FEMA environmental website:

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

Additionally, a hard copy is available for review at the Fire Station. Unless substantive comments are received, FEMA will not publish another notice for this project. 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. Please submit your written comments on the Draft EA to FEMA Region 10 Acting Environmental Officer, Science Kilner, no later than 5 pm on July 5, 2012. Comments can be:

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