

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF  
DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Hoh Tribe Relocation Development Project and  
Tsunami Evacuation and Emergency Operations Center  
Jefferson County, Washington  
LPDM-PJ-10-WAIT001-2022  
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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund the Hoh Indian Tribe for the Hoh Tribe Relocation Development Project and the Tsunami Evacuation and Emergency Operations Center Project (Proposed Action). The proposed action would construct infrastructure for future housing and a tsunami evacuation and emergency operations center in the South Hoh Highlands outside of the floodplain of the Hoh River. Funding would be provided under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program. The PDM funds were made available through Congressionally directed spending in the 2022 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (Public Law No. 117-103) and the 2023 Appropriations Act (Public Law No. 117-328), respectively.

FEMA has prepared a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the proposed action as well as future foreseeable development at the South Hoh Highlands and potential decommissioning of the Hoh Village on the Reservation pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FEMA's implementing Instruction. The Draft PEA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives that are evaluated in the Draft PEA are (1) no action and (2) the proposed action to establish infrastructure, tribal housing, and government and community services at the South Hoh Highlands including the activities proposed under the two FEMA grants.

The Draft PEA is available to the public for review on FEMA's Website at:

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa-repository>. A hard copy of this PEA is available for review at Hoh Indian Tribe's Natural Resources Office on the Hoh Reservation at 2196 Lower Hoh Road, Forks, Washington. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and FEMA's implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides interested parties with a notice of its intent to carry out an action affecting a floodplain.

FEMA will take into consideration any substantive comments received during the public review period to inform the final decision regarding grant approval and project implementation. If no substantive comments are received, this draft PEA will be finalized and FEMA will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and fund the projects. The FONSI will be posted to the same website above. Unless substantive comments on the Draft PEA are received, FEMA will not publish another public notice for this project.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the Draft PEA is December 18, 2023. Comments should be mailed to: Science Kilner, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to [FEMA-R10-EHP-Comments@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R10-EHP-Comments@fema.dhs.gov); please remember to include "Hoh Tribe Relocation Development" in your subject line.