

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Draft Environmental Assessment
Clearwater Complex Vegetation Management Project

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund Idaho County for the Clearwater Complex Vegetation Management Project (Project). Funding would be provided by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) as authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FEMA's implementing Instruction. The Draft EA 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 EA are (1) no action and (2) treat up to 1,785 acres scattered along county-road ROWs and on State, Tribe, and privately-owned parcels to control invasive plants and riparian corridor restoration.

The Draft EA is available to the public for review either on FEMA's website <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa-repository> or Idaho County's website <https://www.idahocounty.org/> under Public Notices or the Noxious Weed Management Department.

A hard copy of this EA is available for review at the Kamiah City Hall at 507 Main Street, Kamiah, Idaho 83536, at the Kooskia City Hall at 026 S. Main Street, Kooskia, Idaho 83539; and at the Idaho County Recorder's Office in the County Courthouse (320 W. Main Street Room 5, Grangeville ID 83530). If no significant issues are identified during the comment period on the Draft EA, FEMA will finalize the Draft EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project. The FONSI will be posted to FEMA's website. Unless substantive comments on the Draft EA are received, FEMA will not publish another public notice for this project. The deadline for submitting written comments on the Draft EA is June 17th, 2022. Comments should be either mailed to: Science Kilner, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021 or submitted via e-mail to FEMA-R10-EHP-Comments@fema.dhs.gov. Please include "Clearwater" in the submittal subject line.