

**Public Notice of Availability**  
**Federal Emergency Management Agency**  
**Draft Environmental Assessment**  
**Illinois Valley Fire Safety and Resiliency Project**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO) – through the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – for implementation of the proposed Illinois Valley Fire Safety and Resiliency 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 Draft EA evaluates the Proposed Action, which includes: 1) establishment of defensible space and hazardous fuels reduction on 31 properties, including up to 202 acres; and 2) the installation of ignition-resistant metal roofing on up to 21 primary residences. Consistent with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508), the Draft EA also evaluates the No Action Alternative, which describes future conditions if FEMA would not fund the proposed establishment of defensible space, hazardous fuels reduction, and/or installation of ignition-resistant roofs in the Illinois Valley.

The Draft EA is available on FEMA's website at: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa-repository>. Hard copies of the Draft EA are available at IVCDO's office located at 341 E Cottage Park Dr #4., Cave Junction, OR 97523 and the Illinois Valley Public Library Branch located at 209 West Palmer, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

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 proposed 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 30 days from the publication and/or receipt of this notice. Comments should be either mailed to Science Kilner, Regional Environmental Officer, Region X, 130 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021 or submitted via email to [fema-r10-ehp-comments@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r10-ehp-comments@fema.dhs.gov) or submitted via mail to: FEMA Region 10, Attention: Regional Environmental Officer, 130-228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021. Please include "Illinois Valley" in the subject line of any correspondence.