

**FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR TRANSPORTABLE TEMPORARY HOUSING UNIT GROUP SITE
KNOWN AS THE PINE SHADOWS GOLF COURSE GROUP HOUSING SITE (CU-5)
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed Transportable Temporary Housing Unit (TTHU) group site. This Public Notice will also be published on the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), Calcasieu Parish Public Library, and Calcasieu Parish Government websites. The group site may provide suitable temporary housing opportunities for individuals and families displaced under the major disaster declaration for Hurricane Laura (FEMA-DR-4559-DR-LA) (for the incident beginning August 22, 2020) signed by the President on August 28, 2020.

The proposed action includes developing an approximately 130-acre site for up to approximately 275 TTHUs to be located in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana in the City of Lake Charles. Activities may include, where necessary, site clearing, grading, road construction, the placement of concrete pads, utilities (electricity, telephones, water, and sewer), and the transport and installation of manufactured homes to the site. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500–1508), FEMA's Instruction 108-1-1 for implementing NEPA, the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and 44 CFR Part 9, a Draft EA was written to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment.

In order to meet the urgent need of Hurricane Laura survivors to find temporary housing, FEMA has conducted an expedited environmental review process to identify and address environmental issues. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action.

The Draft EA is available for public review through FEMA's website: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p5llpcm9op8s/>. Written comments on the Draft EA can be sent via email to dr-4559-fema-ehp-ia@fema.dhs.gov. When responding by email, please reference the project name, "**Temporary Housing - Pine Shadows Golf Course Group Housing Site (CU-5)**" in the subject field.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and public facility closures, physical copies of the Draft EA will not be made readily available to the public unless requested. The public comment period will be limited to 3 days, due to the emergency nature of this action and need to provide temporary housing solutions for survivors of Hurricane Laura. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA and Finding of No Significance (FONSI) will become final and no further public noticing will be conducted.

All other questions regarding disaster assistance or the availability of emergency housing should be directed to FEMA's Helpline at 1-800-621-3362 or visit www.DisasterAssistance.gov.