

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Draft Environmental Assessment
Central Oregon Wildfire Mitigation Project in Crook County

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide funding to Crook County for a fuels reduction project in Crook County, OR. Funding would be provided as authorized by Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief 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 regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 10. The draft EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations). The alternatives that are evaluated in the draft EA are (1) no action and (2) fuels reduction in the communities of Airport, Grizzly, Juniper Canyon, Marks Creek, Millican Road, Ochoco Reservoir, Powell Butte 1, and Powell Butte 2 (Proposed Action).

The draft EA is available to the public on FEMA's Web site at: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/101119> and will be available on December 29, 2014, at the Crook County Courthouse, 300 NE 3rd St, Prineville, OR 97754.

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 available to the public at the above webpage. Unless substantive comments on the draft EA are received, FEMA will not publish another notice for this project.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the draft EA is January 30, 2015, at 5 p.m. Comments should be mailed to Science Kilner, Deputy Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021; e-mailed to science.kilner@fema.dhs.gov; or faxed to 425-487-4613.