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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
KIOWA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
GREENSBURG, KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS
FEMA-1699-DR-KS

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for replacement of the Kiowa County Fairground. FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1699-DR-KS) to provide Federal disaster assistance to Greensburg, Kiowa County, Kansas, as a result of damages incurred on May 4, 2007. Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act, Public Law 93-288). The Proposed Action would require the building a new Kiowa County Fairgrounds north of Highway 54 near California and Bay Street within the city limits of Greensburg, Kansas. Kiowa County Fairgrounds would consist of approximately 64,842 square feet of new construction split among a multipurpose neighborhood facility, livestock pavilion, animal wash bays, horse stalls, holding facility for small animals, and a commercial exhibit building. The new Kiowa County Fairgrounds will be built to all the current codes and standards. Approximately 22.32 acres of land was purchased for the construction of the Kiowa County Fairgrounds. Utility services such as power and telephone exist at the site. Sanitary sewer and water service will need to be provided to the site. Kiowa County has submitted a permit application to extend sanitary sewer service to the Kiowa County Fairgrounds. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a DEA was written to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The DEA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The public comment period will be from July 16 to August 15, 2008. Written comments on the DEA can be faxed to FEMA's Regional Office in Kansas City, Missouri at (816) 283-7018 The DEA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm> If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Then this DEA will be moved to the archives page at http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm