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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILIBILITY GREENSBURG SCHOOL 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 Greensburg School. 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 project is to replace and upgrade Greensburg School in response to a devastating tornado that struck Greensburg, Kiowa County, Kansas, on May 4, 2007. Currently, Greensburg Unified School District operates out of temporary facility consisting of 19 trailers located on Main Street. Greensburg School would consist of approximately 100,000 square feet of new construction. Approximately 39.52 acres of land would need to be purchased for the construction of the Greensburg School. Utility services including water, sewer, power, and telephone exist at the site. 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-May 14 to June 13, 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