

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for two proposed new fire stations in Sumter County, Florida.

The proposed action is for construction of W. Bushnell Fire Station #22 on County owned land north of County Road 48 and east of County Road 313 in the City of Bushnell, and construction of Coleman Fire Station #33 at the temporary fire station site north of County Road 521 and west of US Highway 301 in the City of Wildwood. The new fire stations would consist of approximately 7,430 sq. ft. buildings with 3 pull-through bays and ample space for 24 hr. occupancy by 6 firefighters. Activities would include site clearing, grading, road construction, and placing utilities (electricity, telephone, water, and sewer) for the site. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), associated environmental laws, and FEMA implementing regulations for NEPA (44 CFR Part 10), a draft EA was written to evaluate the proposed action's and several alternatives' potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the proposed action's purpose and need, several alternatives, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences from the proposed action and its alternatives.

The public comment period will be 15 days - August 4, 2010 through August 18, 2010. Written public comments on the Draft EA or related matters may be faxed to FEMA's Region IV Office at (770) 220-5440; e m a i l e d t o FEMA-R4EHP@dhs.gov; or mailed to FEMA R4 DREO Stephanie Madson, 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta GA, 30341-4112. The Draft EA can be viewed and downloaded from F E M A ' s w e b s i t e : <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region4.shtml>. The Draft EA will also be available for public review at the following locations:

Sumter County Library Bushnell Branch
402 N. Florida Street, Bushnell
Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00a.m- 8:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sumter County Library
Wildwood Branch
310 S. Palmer Dr., Wildwood
Monday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. -
6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Based on FEMA's findings to date, we anticipate no significant adverse effects on historical properties or the natural environment. However, if new information is received that results in a change, then FEMA would revise its findings and issue a second public notice for additional comments. If no substantive, contrary comments are received, then the Draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.
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