

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)  
for the Proposed Calhoun County Road 244 Realignment and Riverbank Reinforcement  
Project  
Calhoun County, Arkansas  
FEMA-DR-1751-AR**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse eligible applicants for eligible costs to repair and/or replace facilities damaged by Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding beginning on April 27, 2009. This notice applies to the Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) programs implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206.

Interested persons are hereby notified that Calhoun County has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance with the proposed partial realignment of County Road (CR) 244 and the accompanying riverbank reinforcement of the Ouachita River to reduce the likelihood of future road damage in this area in Calhoun County, Arkansas.

The county has proposed that a 270-foot portion of the road damaged by flooding be set back 30 to 60 feet from the river on a recently acquired 60-foot wide easement. The new, realigned portion of roadway would be 1,200 feet in length and 24 feet wide. The county proposes to use dirt fill to construct the road base and would add gravel to maintain the grade. Approximately 1,000 cubic yards of rip-rap material will be placed along the entire slope on both sides of the road base. Four corrugated metal pipes spaced evenly under the road will be used to manage surface water flows and future flooding events.

CR 244 was previously damaged in another storm during a declared disaster in the spring/summer of 2008 (FEMA-DR-1751-AR). To mitigate this damage, the County placed riprap in two discontinuous sections along the west side of the road, which is the outside bend of the Ouachita River, to stabilize the bank and help prevent future roadway damages. To protect against further bank erosion, the County is proposing additional riprap along the exposed, damaged river bank between the riprap sections installed in 2008.

The purpose and need for the project is to reduce the likelihood of future road damage in this area and to maintain access for a residential community, the general public for recreational fishing, and several small private oil fields located along CR 244.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environmental, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm> or viewed and copied at the Calhoun County Courthouse located at 309 West Main Street in Hampton, Arkansas, 71744, between June 18, 2010 and July 18, 2010:

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date of June 18, 2010. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or faxed to the contact listed below. If no substantive comments are received by 5:00 pm on July 18, 2010, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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