

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

NC Department of Agricultural & Consumer Services has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Sub-Applicant: NC Department of Agricultural & Consumer Services

Project Title: 90267-NCFS Duplin-Pender Zone Ranger Headquarters
PA-04-NC-4393-PW-01558

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Duplin Pender Pole Shelter	5655 Hwy 53E Burgaw, NC 28425	34.60437	-77.85621	Approximately 1960
Duplin Pender Pump House	5655 Hwy 53E Burgaw, NC 28425	34.60452	-77.85615	Approximately 1960

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repair of the pump, lighting and electrical components at the NC Forest Service Duplin Pender Ranger Zone property near Burgaw, NC. All work is located in an AE Zone (1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Pender County Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720334100K, dated 08/29/2014. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the AE Zone. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

NC Department of Agricultural & Consumer Services restore the functionality of the pole structure and pump house but repairing the water pump, lighting fixtures and elevating electrical services 6 FT above the floor to minimize future flood impacts. The project will restore the pump house and pole shelter for NC Forest Service use to respond to forest fires and other emergencies.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact NC Department of Agricultural & Consumer Services, If the repairs are not made, NC Forest Service would have to go further to fill necessary water tanks for forest fighting capabilities, which may result in social and safety impact for the surrounding community.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind/Relocation): Repairing the electrical components without elevation could cause service interruption and additional damage during future floods. Relocation of the structure is not practicable, as firefighting response times would increase if water tanks could not be filled in the vicinity of the forest lands.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer
FEMA Region 4
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4393-NC-01558 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

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