**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Draft Environmental Assessment  
Stemilt Basin and Scout-A-Vista Fuels Reduction Projects in Chelan County**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund Chelan County Natural Resource Department for the Stemilt Basin and Scout-A-Vista Fuels Reduction Projects (Projects). Funding would be provided by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) as authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed projects pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FEMA’s implementing Instruction. The Draft EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives that are evaluated in the Draft EA are (1) no action and (2) wildfire fuels reduction work across approximately 100 acres of state-owned land located along the Upper Wheeler Road and an optional 49 acres if funding allows (on Sections 16 and 20); 75 acres of privately-owned land south of Squilchuck State Park and the Forest Ridge neighborhood (Section 19); and 29 acres of privately-owned land within the southern portion of the Scout-A-Vista Property (Section 18).

The Draft EA is available to the public for review on FEMA’s Website at: [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/fema\_stemilt-basin-scout-a-vista\_wa-5182-08\_was-5100-05.pdf](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.fema.gov_sites_default_files_2020-2D10_fema-5Fstemilt-2Dbasin-2Dscout-2Da-2Dvista-5Fwa-2D5182-2D08-5Fwas-2D5100-2D05.pdf&d=DwMGaQ&c=NpiPIT1KNSO0vXgGk6ogJQ&r=q26M0KAlfUlvFTO2-5zywO_1T12HrLJQKMZbJOGVd74&m=rriUGOr19h6wGcWhhWm0vtJDBpDFZndXrGAlBMRHpTY&s=2AbX2sAJtLrsZlyKQyOrrAWGEu2wmT5l4TJQcK01m_0&e=). A hard copy of this EA is available for review at the Chelan County Natural Resource Department at 411 Washington St., Suite 201, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

If no significant issues are identified during the comment period on the Draft EA, FEMA will finalize the Draft EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project. The FONSI will be posted to the same website above. Unless substantive comments on the Draft EA are received, FEMA will not publish another public notice for this project.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the Draft EA is November 29, 2020. Comments should be mailed to: Science Kilner, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to [FEMA-R10-EHP-Comments@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R10-EHP-Comments@fema.dhs.gov); please remember to include “Stemilt Basin” and/or "Scout-A-Vista" in your subject line.