

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lewis County has applied for Public Assistance (PA) grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the 2021 disaster DR-4593-WA Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides, to fund the installation of a permanent bridge over the South Hanaford Creek crossing on Jones Road, 5 miles east of Centralia, WA (coordinates: 46.69547, -122.83631). Pursuant to 44 CFR Part 9.12, FEMA gives Initial Notice under Executive Order (EO) 11988, Floodplain Management or EO 11990, and Wetland Protection for this action.

The project site is located within the mapped 100-year floodplain (Zone AE) of the South Hanaford Creek. Following a 2021 flooding event, the culvert sustained damages causing the roadway above the culvert to sink 8 inches. The purpose of this project is to replace the current 11 ft. W x 7 ft. H x 40 ft. L squash culvert with a new single span bridge structure (33 ft. L x 39 ft. W) over the creek crossing, also upgrading fish passage. Concrete wingwalls will protect the bridge crossing from erosion. The roadway will also be repaved and graded to a higher elevation than the current surface. Funding will be conditioned upon the County's compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements. The estimated timeframe that the project actions are expected to occur will begin in the Summer of 2026.

Comments concerning the proposed action will be accepted from the affected public; local, state and federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate alternatives and the environmental impacts of the proposed action. Comments should be made in writing, sent to the point of contact listed below, and postmarked within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Additional information about the project, including a project area map, can be obtained from the applicant contact below.

Responsible Official:	For Additional Information:
Science Kilner Regional Environmental Officer FEMA Region 10 130 228th St SW Bothell, WA 98021-9796 (425) 487-4613 fax fema-r10-ehp-comments@fema.dhs.gov	<u>Applicant contact:</u> Robin Saline 57 W. Main Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 740-1182 Robin.Saline@lewiscountywa.gov

Given the nature of the proposed action, if no public comments are received, no further public notice will be conducted for this project.