

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Final Notice of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain
Proposed Close Road Bridge Replacement Project
Lincoln County, New Mexico

Public Notice is hereby given by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) per 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 9 (Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands), and FEMA's implementing regulation for Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, of its intent to provide FEMA funding for the proposed Close Road Bridge Replacement Project in Lincoln County, New Mexico. This serves as the Final Notice for Public Review of a Proposed Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain.

The Applicant is proposing to replace a temporary box culvert bridge with a permanent bridge designed to perform hydraulically better than or equal to the existing temporary structure. Close Road Bridge is located in the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The center point of the existing box culvert bridge is located at 33.326420, -105.628438.

The bridge would be classified as Functionally Dependent as defined in 44 CFR because it cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The proposed Close Road Bridge Replacement Project shall comply with state and local floodplain protection procedures.

In accordance with 44 CFR Parts 9.6 and 9.8, an Early Public Notice was issued in the *Ruidoso News* newspaper on November 27, 2015 in conjunction with the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) that assess the potential human and natural consequences associated with the proposed Close Road Bridge Replacement Project. The public had 30 days to review the EA and provided comment. All substantive comments received were addressed in the Final EA. The Final EA is available can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents>.