

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Valdese 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: Town of Valdese

Project Title: 180600 – Town of Valdese Service Road Damages; PA-04-NC-4588-PW-00011

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Town of Valdese Service Road	1400 Falls Road NW, Valdese, NC 28690	Start: 35.76442 End: 35.76451	Start: -81.56881 End: -81.56872	Approximately 1982

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for replacement of unclassified embankment fill to the Town of Valdese Service Road. All work is located in a Floodway. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Burke County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3710273400J, dated 09/05/2007. 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 Floodway. 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:

The Town of Valdese will restore the Service Road to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within its existing footprint. Repairs will consist of replacing embankment fill. Restoring this facility to pre-disaster condition will not increase the risk of flood loss and no adverse impacts to the floodplain should occur.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the Town of Valdese. If the road damages are not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): Relocation of the Service Road is not a practicable alternative as it could negatively impact accessibility for Town of Valdese utility and service vehicles.

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
3005 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-4588-NC-00011 11988 COMMENT].

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

POSTED ON: (*insert posted date*)

End of Notice