



PUBLIC NOTICE

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Natural & Environmental Resources (000-UW1XD-00) has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) funding through the Central Office of Recovery, Reconstruction, and Resiliency (COR3) as a Subrecipient.

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 (Floodplain Management) and EO 11990 (Wetland Protection), FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 (Environmental Justice) 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.

Subrecipient: Department of Natural & Environmental Resources (000-UW1XD-00), Carr. 101, Km 1.2, Bo. Boquerón, Cabo Rojo

Project Title: 710540 - FIONA/MARIA/EQ: RVS Iris Alameda de Boquerón, PA-02-PR-4671-PW-01741

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	GPS	Proposed Scope	Date of Construction
Wildlife Refuge Iris Alameda	18.02500, -67.14959	Remove and replace wood pickets, metal frame, lift master vehicular gate, round metal tube frame gate, chain-link fence gate, concrete slab, asphalt surface, gravel road, fishing dock t-shape and fishing dock rectangular shape. Retore unclassified fill and gabions.	Approximately 1960

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

Floodplains determination was done using the "best available data" consistent with FEMA Policy

104-008-2 *Guidance on the Use of Available Flood Hazard Information (10/11/16)*.- Based on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (adjusted by the Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE) for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the proposed action is within the regulatory Zone AE or 1% Annual Chance flood hazard. This facility was established approximately in the 1960's.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

- Department of Natural & Environmental Resources (000-UW1XD-00) will utilize contracts and (or) force accounts for repairs to Wildlife Refuge Iris Alameda, Carr. 101, Km 1.2, Bo. Boquerón, Cabo Rojo to restore facilities back to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity (in-kind) within the existing footprint.
- Department of Natural & Environmental Resources (000-UW1XD-00) proposes the following works on the facility: remove and replace wood pickets, metal frame, lift master vehicular gate, round metal tube frame gate, chain-link fence gate, concrete slab, asphalt surface, gravel road, fishing dock t-shape and fishing dock rectangular shape. Restore unclassified fill and gabions. MITIGATION consists of add additional screws to wood gate, fibrous reinforcing fiber to gate concrete slab. Install of nonwoven matrix structure of paving mats (glaspave), geotextile fabric over backfill, install of infiltration trench along roadway edge.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The “no action” alternative would keep the structure with the present damages and limited functions.

Alternative #2 (Repair to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity) This alternative would leave the structure vulnerable to similar damage in future events.

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 the following email: FEMA-EHPDR4671@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4671-PR-143, EO11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today

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Anaïs Rodríguez Vega
Secretary

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