

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Randolph County Commission applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding through the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), as an Applicant.

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 to 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.

**Applicant:** Randolph County Commission

**Project Title:** 143383 - County Road 7

**Location of Proposed Work:** CR 7 Wedowee AL

**Name of Structure:** County Road 7

**Address of Structure:** 3467-3453 Co Rd 7, Wedowee, AL 36278

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
County Road 7	3467-3453 Co Rd 7, Wedowee, AL 36278	33.404030	-85.567498	1960

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** The site is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) - A Zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Randolph County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 01111C0195D, dated 04/18/2011. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Alabama and local floodplain regulations. During the Severe Storms and Flooding event, the County Road 7 site was damaged due to flooding.

There is a potential for the site to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the A Zone. The proposed work will take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory (R4SBC - Riverine Intermittent).

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The Randolph County Commission will utilize contract and/or force account services for the repairs to the County Road 7 to restore this section of road back to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity (in-kind) within the existing footprint. In addition, to protect against future damages, the Randolph County Commission is requesting funding for erosion control of the embankment of the inflow, outflow, and culvert and to upgrade the double run of 120 IN diameter x 100 FT CMPs (200 LF total) to a double run of 96 IN diameter x 120 FT RCP (240 LF total), through an H&H study. The applicant states the scope of work is to utilize 220 TN of riprap and 200 SY of filter fabric on the inlet and outlet end of the culverts. The Applicant states the filter fabric will be placed on the slope of the embankment with the riprap placed on the filter blanket according to ALDOT Specifications. Repairing this section of roadway and culverts will allow for a continuation of transportation and movement of water.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): If no action is not taken to restore the damages to County Road 7, it will impact the overall well-being of the community and could increase emergency response time.

**Alternative #2:** Relocation of County Road 7 is not practical nor cost-effective due to it being part of a larger transportation system. The culverts located at this site are functionally dependent due to their location within the floodplain and serves the purpose of moving water.

**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 Randolph County Commission. All comments are due within 15 days of this notice. The Randolph County Commission will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region IV - EHP, 3005 Chamblee Tucker Rd – Office #255, Atlanta, GA 30341-4112 or by email at FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please include in the subject line of the email “DR-4546-AL EHP FIT.” Comments should be sent in writing at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

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