

## **INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **CHRISTENSEN ROAD AT LOWER MAGMA CHANNEL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA LPDM-PJ-09-AZ-2022-001**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intends to provide federal financial assistance under the Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation (LPDM) Program to Pinal County in Pinal County, Arizona, to replace a low flow crossing with an all-weather crossing along Christensen Road over the Lower Magma Channel. The proposed action would mitigate impacts from roadway flooding by installing large box culverts and elevating the roadway. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and FEMA's implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides interested parties with a notice of its intent to carry out an action affecting a floodplain.

The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce flood hazards. The proposed action consists of 1) constructing a temporary access road west of the existing Christensen Road crossing of the Lower Magma Channel; 2) replacing a low flow crossing with four reinforced concrete box culverts and an elevated roadway across the channel; 3) removing the temporary access road and restoring the channel slopes to pre-access road conditions.

The project area is in the 100-year floodplain as depicted on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Numbers 04021C0850E, effective date December 4, 2007. The FIRM shows that the project area lies within Zone A, an area that has a 1-percent probability of flooding every year and where predicted floodwater elevations have not been established.

Additional information about FEMA's proposed action, including maps showing the potential impacts on floodplains, may be obtained by writing the FEMA Region IX Environmental Officer at FEMA, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607, or [fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov). All requests should be received within 15 days after publication of this notice.