

# Fernan Lake Road

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PROJECT UPDATE

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## Draft EIS Distributed

Most of you received a Summary packet from the Draft EIS with this project update. It includes both a 2-page Abstract and 31-page Summary from the DEIS.

FHWA mailed the complete DEIS to 85 agencies, organizations, and companies on the project mailing list. The entire document is available on Internet at <http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/fernan/>.

You can also read the Draft EIS at the East Side Highway District, Forest Service offices in Coeur d'Alene, public libraries in Coeur d'Alene and Spokane, and at other locations listed on page 2 of the Abstract. You can request a copy from FHWA.

## Preferred Alternative

One reason the Draft EIS took a little longer to produce is that the project team wants to advise you that Alternative G is their preferred alternative based on the preliminary design and environmental analysis conducted so far. This alternative most closely follows the current road alignment and is described more fully in the DEIS.

Identifying a preferred alternative does not mean FHWA has already decided to build it. Your comments on the DEIS, along with those of regulatory and resource management agencies, must be considered and responded to in the Final EIS. A final decision will not be made until late this year, but the project team wants you to know about their preferred alternative while commenting on the DEIS.

## *Public Meeting on the Draft EIS*

**Thursday, June 24, 2004**

**4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.**

**Fernan Elementary School**

**520 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street**

**Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate.

This meeting will have workshop format to make it easier for you to get information on the Fernan Lake Road project. You can watch design simulations, examine preliminary drawings, ask questions of the project team, and provide your comments on the DEIS.

## July 31, 2004 Deadline for DEIS Comments

Ways you can submit comments on Draft EIS include:

- use the form included with this update
- submit written comments at the public meeting
- tell them to a recorder at the public meeting
- mail them to Sajid Aftab at FHWA
- email them to [fernanlake@wfl.fha.dot.gov](mailto:fernanlake@wfl.fha.dot.gov)
- use the quicknote comment feature on FHWA's Fernan project website.

## Project Team

The project team consists of the East Side Highway District, Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, and the Western Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration. David Evans and Associates, Inc. is the lead consultant for the current planning and environmental evaluation phase of the project.



**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
WESTERN FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION**

**COMMENT FORM – FERNAN LAKE ROAD DRAFT EIS**

LEAVE COMMENTS AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON JUNE 24 OR  
MAIL COMMENTS BY JULY 31, 2004 TO:

**Federal Highway Administration  
Attn: Sajid Aftab  
610 East Fifth Street  
Vancouver, WA 98661-3893**

**Public Meeting for Fernan Lake Road DEIS:**

**Fernan Elementary School  
520 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

**June 24, 2004, 4:30-7:30 p.m.**

The following comments are submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ (attach extra pages if needed to complete your comments)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which of the following best describes you?**

**Local Resident**

**Community Group Representative**

**Elected Official**

**Agency or Organization Representative**

**Can we use your name and address for public record? YES or NO (circle one)**

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