

**Final Notice and Public Explanation  
of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland**

This is to give notice that the City of Lava Hot Springs has conducted an evaluation as required by [Executive Order 11990 Wetlands], in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential effect that its activity in the wetland will have on the human environment. The Lava Hot Springs Drinking Water Well Development Project is funded in part by an Idaho Community Development Block Grant. The project scope of work includes the development of a drinking water well and the installation of 4,300 Linear Feet of transmission lines to connect the well to the existing system and will encompass 0.25 acres of wetland. The proposed project is located within Bannock County, Idaho.

The City of Lava Hot Springs has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: Select a different well location, increase the capacities of existing wells, and take no action. The different well location was tested, however there was not sufficient water flow to meet the goals and needs of the project, resulting in it not being selected as an alternative. Increasing the capacities of the existing wells was not selected due to the unpredictability and high probability of well failure, which would be detrimental to the project needs. Taking no action was not selected due to the need to increase water flow requirements and create system redundancies. The required state and local permits for the development of this project will be procured prior to the beginning of construction, and the project will follow all state and local procedures and mitigation measures.

The City of Lava Hot Springs has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of [Executive Order 11990], are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity must be located in the wetland because no practical alternative is applicable.

Written comments must be received by the City of Lava Hot Springs at the following address on or before January 28th, 2026: The City of Lava Hot Springs, PO Box 187, 115 W Elm St, Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246 and (208) 776-5130, Attention: Mayor Vicky Lyon, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Comments may also be submitted via email at lavacityhall@gmail.com

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Se le puede proveer esta notificación en un formato accesible para las personas discapacitadas y/o personas con conocimientos limitados del inglés a pedido.

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