

Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Meeting Regarding the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed New Land Port of Entry in Trout River, New York.

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed construction of an expanded and modernized Land Port of Entry immediately adjacent to the U.S.-Canada border at the corner of State Route 30 and County Route 20 in Trout River, New York.

The new facility will house Federal inspection operations involved in the of processing vehicles and pedestrians who use this crossing. The proposed construction is needed to bring the port into compliance with Federal infrastructure and security requirements for land ports and support the operational needs of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection. The existing facility does not meet the operational needs of the Federal Government due to its space constraints and limitations associated with its aging infrastructure.

This notice is being issued in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Draft Environmental Assessment has been made available for review and comment for thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice. The Draft Environmental Assessment is available to the public at the GSA website <http://gsa.gov/troutriverrea>, and at the Wead Library located at 64 Elm Street, in Malone, New York (12953).

GSA will be accepting comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment at a virtual public meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM on November 21, 2024. The website to access the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88920475580?pwd=YjhqXyABMQS1SqdUF4GvX0S3yeJYQH.1> Webinar ID: 889 2047 5580#, Passcode: 161428 or by telephone at (929) 205-6099, Passcode: 061428#

GSA will also accept comments mailed to Thomas Burke, GSA National Environmental Policy Act Program Manager, One World Trade Center, 55th Floor, New York, NY 10007, or by email at thomas.w.burke@gsa.gov. Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment must be received or postmarked by midnight on December 14, 2024.

GSA will address comments received at the public meeting, by post or email in the Final Environmental Assessment. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this information to Mr. Burke at thomas.w.burke@gsa.gov