RD Instruction 1970 Subpart F Exhibit B Attachment 1

Public Noticing and Private Party Noticing Templates:

Template Preliminary Public Notice Language for Potential Impacts to Floodplains

**[Insert applicant’s name]** intends to seek financial assistance from USDA, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) under the ReConnect Program for **[insert type of project here: construction, infrastructure improvements, etc]**. The proposed project consists of **[itemize the project’s construction activities and locations]**. [**Insert a detailed written description of location**]. If implemented, the proposed project will convert **[Floodplain, Critical Action Floodplain– include definition of floodplain, acreage, and locations]**. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.

The environmental documentation regarding this proposal is available for review at **[insert Rural Development office location or applicant locations].** For questions regarding this proposal, contact **ReConnectEnvironmental@usda.gov**. **(If applicable) Other federal agencies involved in this proposal are: [insert other federal agency names]**

Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by **[insert a date that is 14-30 days (select one) from the date the notice is first published]**.