RD Instruction 1970 Subpart F Exhibit B Attachment 3

Template Final 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 Programfor **[insert type of project here: construction, infrastructure improvements, etc]**. The proposed action consists of **[itemize the project’s construction elements and locations]**. [**Insert a detailed written description of location**]. RUShas assessed the environmental impacts of this proposal and determined that the location of **[insert construction activity or facility]** will convert or effect a floodplain or critical action floodplain. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the Agency is notifying the interested public of this land conversion. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoiding this conversion or effect and that there is a significant need for the proposal. The basis of this determination is **[summarize the justification, need and reasons for the conversion or effect, and note if/if not any comments were received and how they were resolved]**.

**(If applicable) Other federal agencies involved in this proposal are: [insert other federal agency names]**

For information regarding this notice, contact **[Name and contact information for RD point of contact]**. Any person interested in commenting on this decision should submit comments to the address above by **[If additional public review period is required insert a date seven days from the date the notice is first published].**