

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Rural Development

**Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative:** Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative (NEP), of Palmyra, Missouri. The proposal is for the construction of electric transmission line from Missouri to Iowa. Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative has submitted an application to the RUS for funding of the proposal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Environmental and Historic Preservation Division, USDA Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-1570. Questions and comments should be emailed to RUS at [RUSPublicComments@usda.gov](mailto:RUSPublicComments@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative proposes to construct approximately 58 miles of electric transmission line from Lewis County, Missouri to Lee County, Iowa. The Project will rebuild approximately 52 miles with 5.5 new miles of transmission line. It will include improvements and expansion at the existing Winchester Substation.

Stanley Consultants, Inc., an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RUS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Written questions and comments should be emailed to RUS at the email address provided above. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the first date of publication of this notice. Copies of the environmental assessment and supporting documentation will be available for public review at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/assessment/missouri-iowa-transmission-line>.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

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