



## U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Prisons

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### **Notice of Public Scoping Meeting to Initiate the Environmental Impact Statement Process for the Proposed Federal Correctional Institution and Federal Prison Camp in Letcher County, Kentucky**

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by Council on Environmental Quality and Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) regulations, the Bureau is initiating preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed development of a new Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) and Federal Prison Camp (FPC) in Letcher County, Kentucky.

A growing challenge to successfully performing the Bureau's mission to protect society is the increasing number of federal correctional facilities and supporting infrastructure that were constructed over 50 years ago (the approximate design life of such facilities), resulting in a continuous need to maintain existing facilities, and when necessary, develop new facilities and infrastructure. To address this need, the Bureau proposes to develop a new medium-security FCI and an adjoining minimum-security FPC in Letcher County, Kentucky. The FCI and FPC would be designed to house approximately 1,152 adult males and 256 adult males, respectively, and serve the need of the Bureau's Mid-Atlantic Region.

Scoping is a part of the NEPA process through which the Bureau describes a proposed action and possible alternatives. The Bureau then seeks input from other agencies, organizations, and the public on potentially affected resources, environmental issues to be considered, and the Bureau's planned approach to analysis. A scoping meeting is not intended to be a Question & Answer session, but rather is designed to solicit public and stakeholder input on the range of issues that the Bureau should consider addressing in the DEIS. This scoping meeting aims to:

- Provide an overview of the Bureau and project purpose
- Present the proposed action
- Define resources to be analyzed
- Present the proposed approach to analysis
- Provide key milestones and public involvement opportunities during DEIS process

Representatives of the Bureau will hold an in-person Public Scoping Meeting at **6:00 P.M. ET, November 17, 2022, at the Letcher County Central High School (cafeteria) located at 435 Cougar Drive in Whitesburg, Kentucky, 41858**. The Bureau reserves the right to impose a time limit for those speaking during the meeting in order to accommodate all persons interested in commenting. The meeting will be recorded and the recording posted to the project website: <https://www.proposed-fci-letchercountyky.com>.

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Due to health concerns and for the convenience of the public, interested stakeholders will also be able to participate during the Public Scoping Meeting by way of a virtual meeting service that allows the public to participate safely and conveniently from remote locations using a computer, tablet or smartphone by calling-in using the toll-free telephone number (877-829-8910, Conference Code: 857288) or via the link below:

*Zoom Meeting ID: 986 0557 5889 and Passcode 705186*

*<https://wspusa.zoom.us/j/89605575889?pwd=RkZzUGhiMDdrYyt3M1lyVFJNcFZxQT09>*

Written statements and comments concerning the scope of the DEIS for the proposed project will also be accepted via U.S. mail or email through November 30, 2022. Submit comments to: Kimberly S. Hudson, Site Selection Specialist, Construction & Environmental Review Branch, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, NW, Room 901-5 West, Washington, DC 20534, Email: [kshudson@bop.gov](mailto:kshudson@bop.gov). Comments can also be submitted via the project website. For additional information and to receive future notifications, please contact: Kimberly S. Hudson. Thank you for your interest.