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**Subject: Record of Decision – Proposed Federal Correctional Institution and
Federal Prison Camp, Letcher County, Kentucky**

The United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP), announces the availability of a Record of Decision (ROD) documenting the decision by the Director of the FBOP to proceed with development of a new Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) and Federal Prison Camp (FPC) in Letcher County, Kentucky (Proposed Action). To address the need for modern, cost efficient, and secure facilities, the FBOP proposes to develop a new FCI to house approximately 1,152 medium-security adults in custody (AIC) and an adjoining minimum-security FPC to house approximately 256 minimum-security AIC (total 1,408 AIC). The new facilities would serve the needs of the FBOP's Mid-Atlantic Region.

The ROD has been prepared consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended in 2023; Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA, as amended May 1, 2024; and U.S. Department of Justice regulations implementing NEPA. Pursuant to NEPA, a *Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)* was published in the Federal Register on September 28, 2022, for the development of a new FCI and FPC in Letcher County, Kentucky. Publication of a *Notice of Availability of the DEIS* in the Federal Register occurred on March 1, 2024, initiating a public comment period lasting no less than 45 days during which time the FBOP held a public meeting on March 28, 2024. Comments concerning the DEIS and received during the public comment period were considered and responses to comments incorporated within a Final EIS (FEIS). Publication of a *Notice of Availability of the FEIS* in the Federal Register occurred on July 12, 2024, initiating a public comment period lasting no less than 30 days and ending on August 12, 2024.

Following the end of the FEIS public comment period, the FBOP reviewed and considered the comments received concerning the Proposed Action and prepared a ROD in accordance with 40 CFR § 1505.2. The ROD describes the alternatives considered and the rationale for proceeding with the Preferred Alternative of developing the new FCI/FPC in Letcher County, Kentucky as best meeting the FBOP's goals and objectives. The ROD, along with the FEIS and other relevant information about the Proposed Action are available at: <https://www.proposed-fci-letchercountyky.com>.

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