



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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CEPOA-RD
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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	April 25, 2017
EXPIRATION DATE:	May 25, 2017
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2017-45
WATERWAY:	Fredrick Sound

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Matt Beattie at (907) 753-2791, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, by fax at (907) 753-5567, or by email at matthew.l.beattie@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

APPLICANT: George Doyle; (907) 772-6000 or gdoyle@petersburgalaska.com

AGENT: Rick G. Braun; (907) 772-3986 or rickbraun@gmail.com

LOCATION: The project site is located within Section 7 & 18, T. 57 S., R. 80 E., Copper River Meridian; USGS Quad Map Petersburg D-3; Latitude 56.9324° N., Longitude 132.8769° W.; Ramstead Homestead Subdivision; Approximately 18.5 air miles north northeast of Petersburg, Alaska.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to "provide roadway access to the lots within Ramstead Homestead Subdivision."

PROPOSED WORK: Construction of a 7,080-linear foot roadway system. The roadway is to be constructed by excavating ditches and using the material to build the roadway between the ditches. The excavation and embankment work would be done using a track mounted excavator. Eight 18-inch diameter by 26-inch long HDPE culverts would be installed at the

slough crossings. The total volume of excavated and fill material is 7,600 cubic yards and would be placed into 5.5-acres of jurisdictional wetlands.

All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-3), dated April 20, 2017.

APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION: The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

a. Avoidance: A majority of the proposed project occurs in wetlands, therefore, complete avoidance is not possible to fulfil the purpose and need of the proposed project.

b. Minimization: The roadway locations were designed to avoid all large sloughs and ponds.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: The applicant did not propose compensatory mitigation for the proposed project. The Corps of Engineers (Corps) has not yet determined if compensatory mitigation would be required.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no cultural resources in the permit area or within the vicinity of the permit area. The permit area has been determined to be the 5.5-acre footprint of the road and is depicted on page 2 of 3 of the project plans. Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the Corps at this time, and we are otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. The Corps has made a No Historic Properties Affected (No Effect) determination for the proposed project. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area. The project area occurs on wetlands adjacent to traditionally navigable waters.

We have determined the described activity would have no effect on any listed or proposed threatened or endangered species and would have no effect on any designated or proposed critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is required. However, any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: We have determined the described activity would not adversely affect EFH in the project area.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National

Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authority:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings and a Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER
401 Certification Program
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. POA-2017-45, Fredrick Sound, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

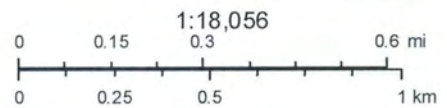
Any person desiring to comment on the project, with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice.

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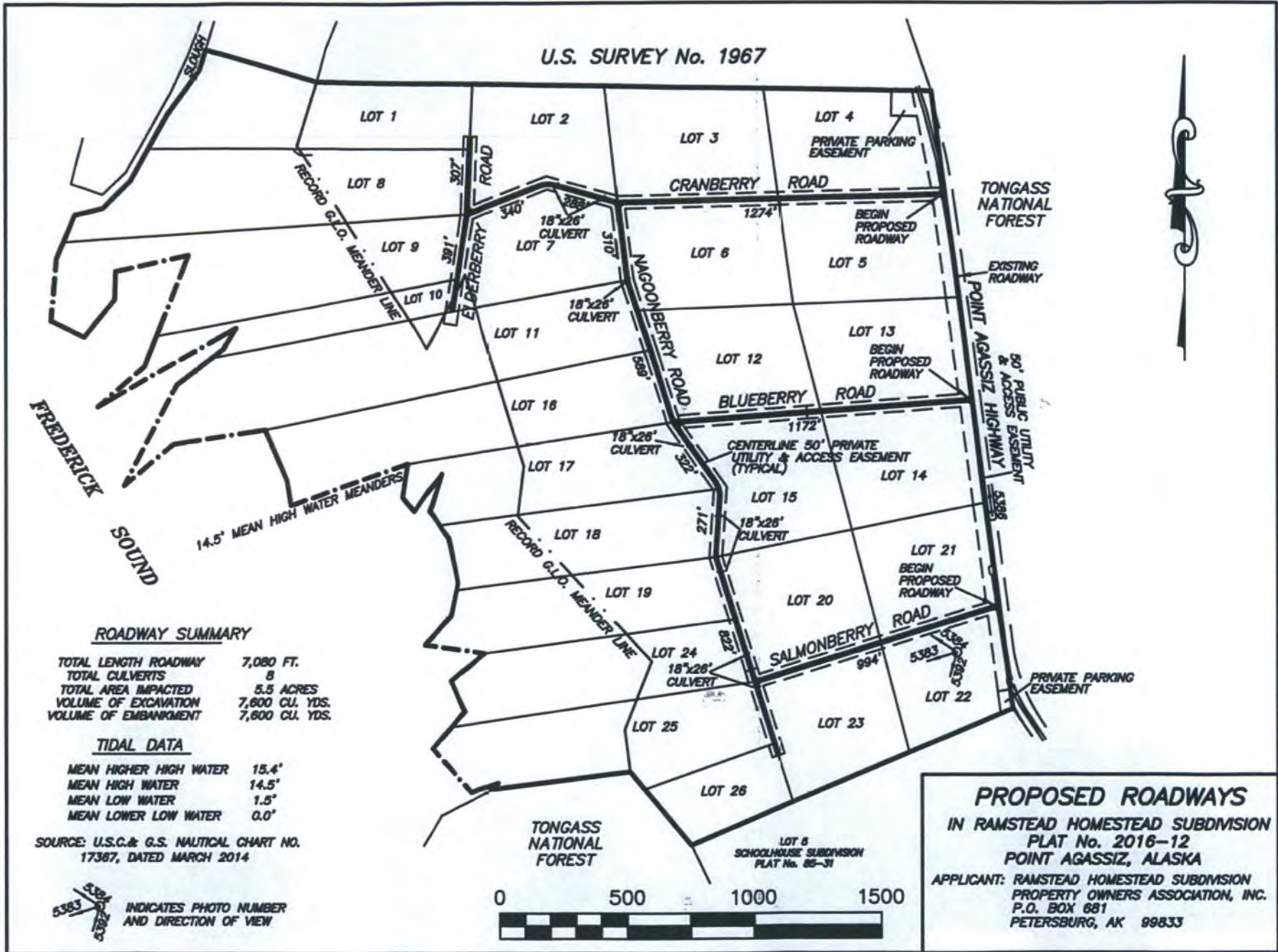
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Project Location

April 20, 2017



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Permit Area, yellow highlight

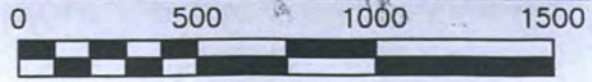
ROADWAY SUMMARY

TOTAL LENGTH ROADWAY	7,080 FT.
TOTAL CULVERTS	8
TOTAL AREA IMPACTED	5.5 ACRES
VOLUME OF EXCAVATION	7,600 CU. YDS.
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TIDAL DATA

MEAN HIGHER HIGH WATER	15.4'
MEAN HIGH WATER	14.5'
MEAN LOW WATER	1.5'
MEAN LOWER LOW WATER	0.0'

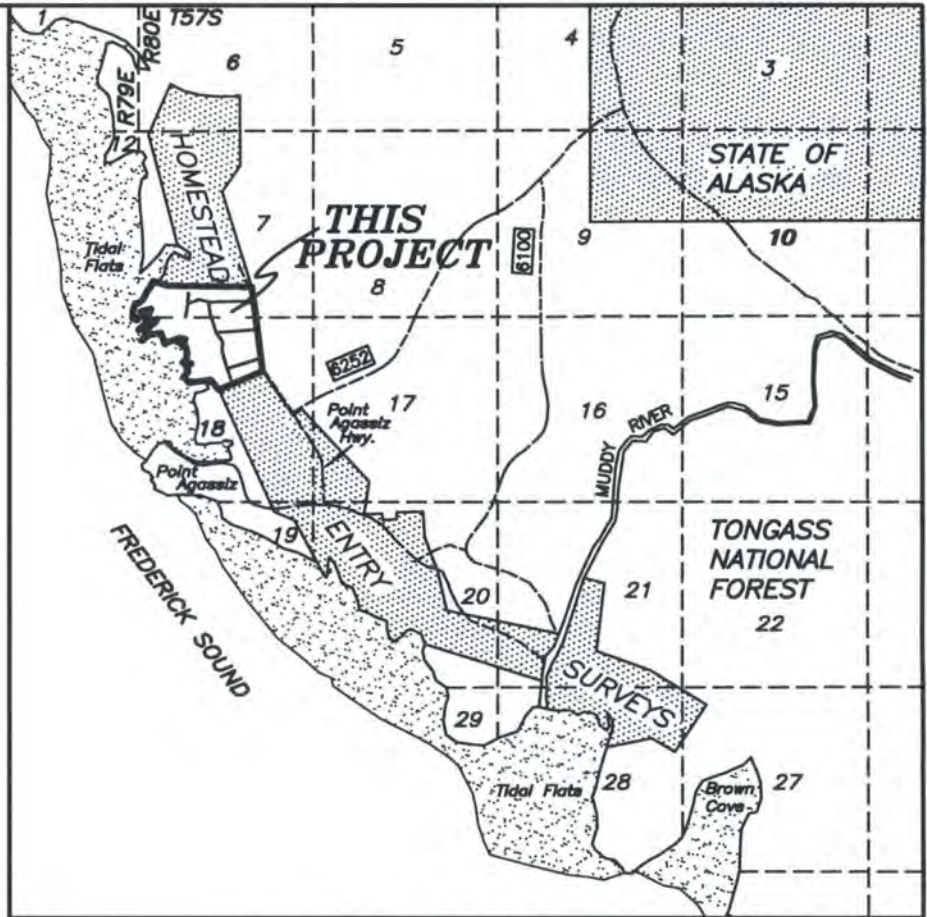
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PROPOSED ROADWAYS

IN RAMSTEAD HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION
 PLAT No. 2016-12
 POINT AGASSIZ, ALASKA

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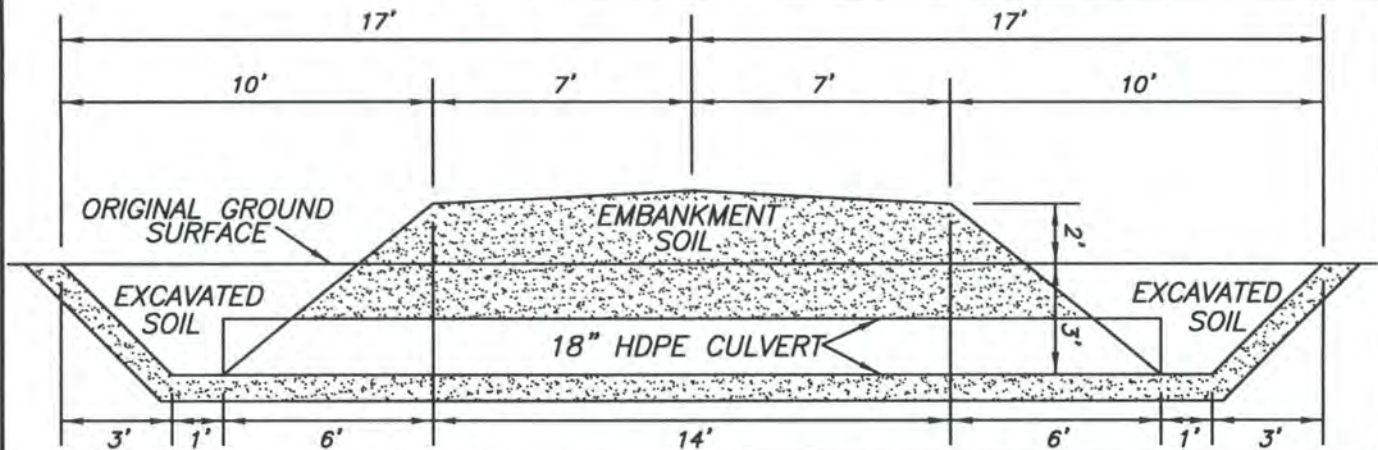


VICINITY MAP

SOURCE: USGS QUADRANGLE PETERSBURG (D-3)

DATE: 1995

SCALE: 1 INCH = 1 MILE



TYPICAL ROADWAY SECTION

HORIZONTAL & VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 5'

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