



US Army Corps
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Alaska District

Public Notice Modification of In Lieu Fee Program – Site Addition

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	December 10, 2014
EXPIRATION DATE:	January 9, 2015
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2006-545
WATERWAY:	LITTLE SUSITNA RIVER

FEDERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The District Engineer has received a project proposal to establish an In-lieu Fee (ILF) wetland compensatory mitigation site for Federal permits as described below:

In Lieu Fee Sponsor
Great Land Trust
Conservation Director
715 L St., Suite 200
Anchorage, AK 99501

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The proposed ILF mitigation site is approximately 160 acres in size and would be placed under deed restriction and transferred to the State of Alaska to be managed consistent with the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan. The site is located adjacent to the Little Su Recreation River Special Use Area and in proximity to the Nancy Lakes State Recreation Area. The proposed ILF mitigation site includes three wetland types, relict glacial lakebed, discharge slope, and depression wetlands as classified by the Mat-Su Borough's Cook inlet wetlands classification (<http://www.cookinletwetlands.info/index.html>).

PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE: The sponsor proposes to preserve the 160 acre site. The purpose of the preservation is to protect high value habitat consistent with the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers management Plan, the Mat-Su Salmon Partnership Objectives and Strategic Actions, USFWS-Great Land Trust Mat-Su Borough Parcel Prioritization, and Mat-Su Borough Parks Plan. The goal of the mitigation site is to provide appropriate mitigation for impacts, within the authorized service area, by providing wetland preservation.

The ILF Sponsor plans to establish this mitigation site by preserving all onsite wetlands.

The sponsor has proposed, for purposes of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act that the geographic service area of this mitigation site would include the USGS Hydrologic Unit Codes 19020505 and 19020401. This proposed service area would include portions of the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

Oversight of this mitigation site will be by a group of federal and state agency representatives. This interagency oversight group will be known as the Interagency Review Team (IRT). The Alaska District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers shall chair the IRT.

This mitigation site may be one of a number of practicable options available to applicants to compensate for unavoidable wetland impacts associated with permits issued under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217) and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

The actual approval of the use of this mitigation site for a specific project is the decision of the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. The Corps provides no guarantee that any particular individual or general permit will be granted authorization to use this mitigation site to compensate for unavoidable wetland impacts associated with a proposed permit, even though compensatory mitigation may be available.

AUTHORITY: Issuance of a public notice regarding proposed mitigation sites is required pursuant to the "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final Rule," (Rule) as published in the April 10, 2008, Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 70, Pages 19594-19705 (33CFR Parts 325 and 332).

FEDERAL EVALUATION OF PROPOSAL: 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 this proposed mitigation site. This is not an application for work in Waters of the United States. The Corps of Engineers in evaluating this proposal will consider any comments received. Comments are used to assess the viability of the compensatory mitigation site.

COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the Alaska District Corps of Engineers (ATTN: Sheila Newman), CEPOA-RD-SA, Post Office Box 6898 JBER, Alaska 99506-0898 or by email to sheila.m.newman@usace.army.mil with the project name and number in the subject line. Comments must be received by the close of business on January 9, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sheila Newman, Chief, Special Actions, Alaska District, Regulatory Division at 907-753-5556 or by email as above.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

Attached Compensatory Mitigation Plan