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Mississippi Branch  
Regulatory Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT  
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MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

June 26, 2014

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE SAM-2011-01290-SMZ  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL**

**WETLAND FILL ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPANSION OF A RUNWAY, BAY SPRINGS,  
JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT: Jasper County Board of Supervisors  
Post Office Box 406  
Bay Springs, Mississippi 39422**

**AGENT: Wetland Consulting Services, Inc.  
21 Autumn Run  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39402**

**LOCATION: In wetland drains at in the Tallahoma Creek watershed, Section 12,  
Township 1 North, Range 10 East, near Bay Springs, Jasper County, Mississippi;  
Latitude 31.9470 North, Longitude -89.2324.**

**WORK: The applicant proposes to fill approximately 0.79 acre of wetlands and to  
impact 135 linear feet of stream within the existing Tallahoma Creek watershed for the  
expansion of a runway at the Thigpen airport**

**PROJECT PURPOSE: As stated by the applicant's agent, the project is for a proposed  
expansion of the runway at the Thigpen airport. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
(Corps) initially determined the basic project purpose is runway expansion and is  
therefore non-water dependent. Additional review will be performed by the Corps and  
cooperating agencies.**

**ALTERNATIVES: The Corps' initial review of alternatives submitted by the applicant  
consists of the preferred alternative, an offsite alternative and a no-action alternative.  
Additional review of alternatives will be performed by the Corps and cooperating  
agencies.**

**MITIGATION: The applicant has proposed the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank for impacts at this time. The Corps has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's mitigation proposal at this time. Further coordination will be performed by the Corps and cooperating agencies.**

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Mississippi in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and upon completion of the required advertising; a determination relative to certification will be made.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Corps can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources.

The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, protected species, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps 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 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. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held for consideration of this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. In accordance with Appendix C of 33 CFR Part 325, the Corps has determined that the permit area consists of the project site. Unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work or that adequately documents a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. The State Historic Preservation Officer provided a letter dated May 10, 2010 stating there are no known cultural resources onsite.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided a letter dated April 26, 2010 stating that there are no federally listed species onsite. Based on this letter, the Corps has initially determined the project is not likely to adversely affect listed endangered or threatened species or their critical habitats.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2011-01290-SMZ** and should be directed to the District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Attention: Mr. Philip Hegji, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, and a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Attention: Ms. Florance Watson, P.E., Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, in time to be **received within 30 days** of the date of this public notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager for this application, **Mr. Philip A. Hegji** (philip.a.hegji@usace.army.mil), **(251) 690-3222**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number SAM-2011-01290-SMZ.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at [www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx).

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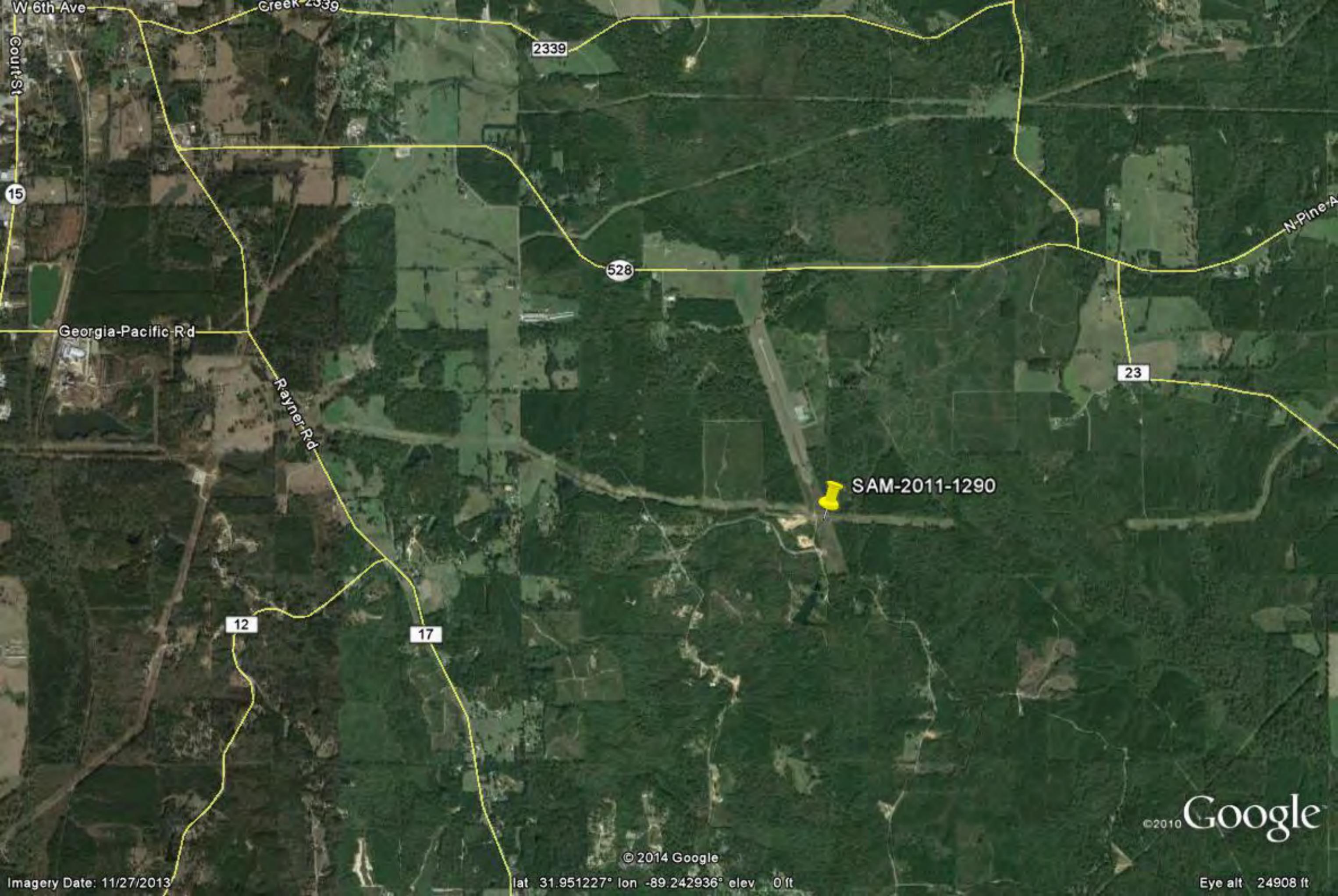
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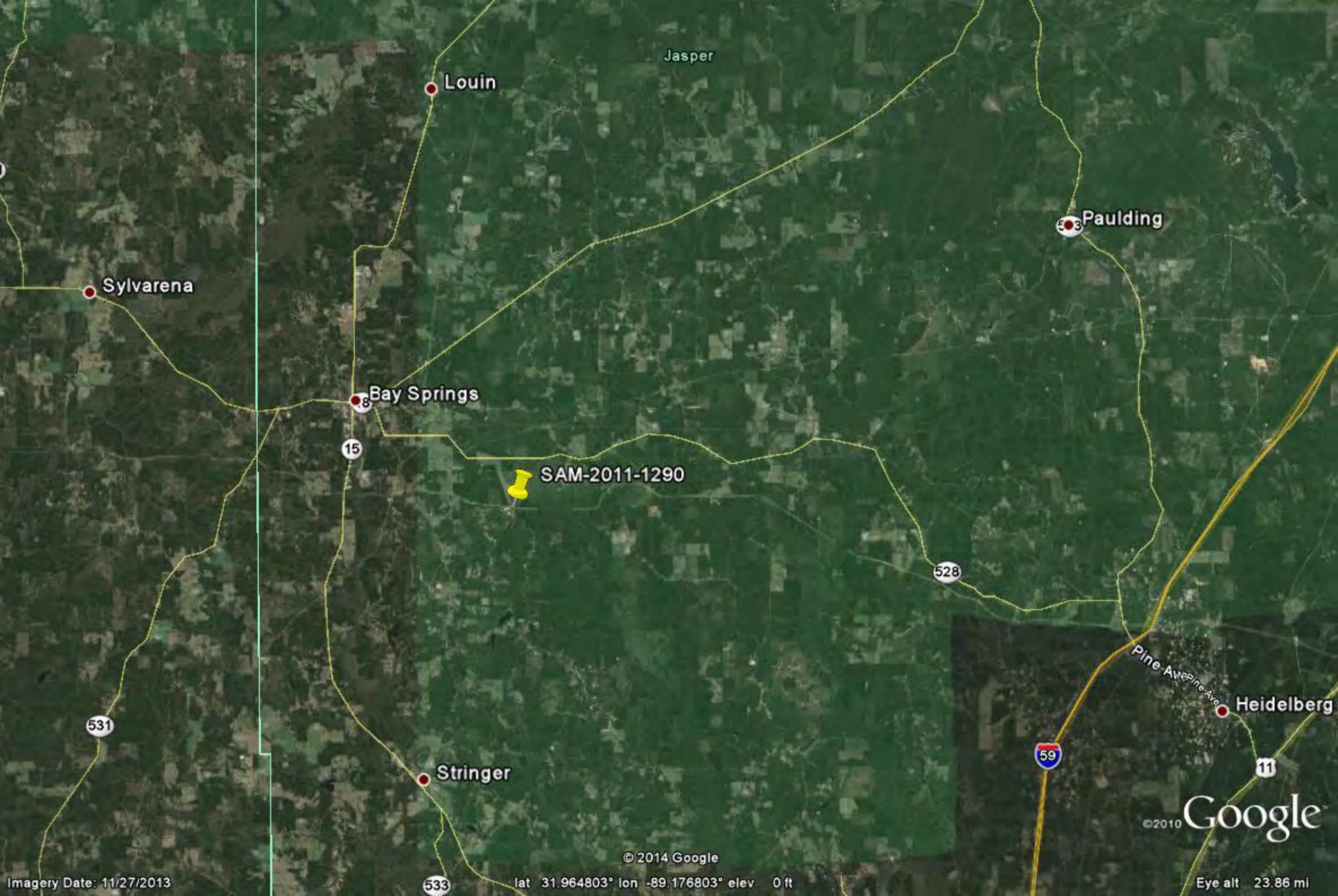
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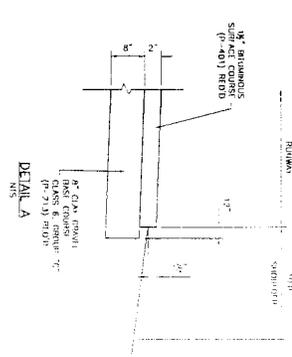
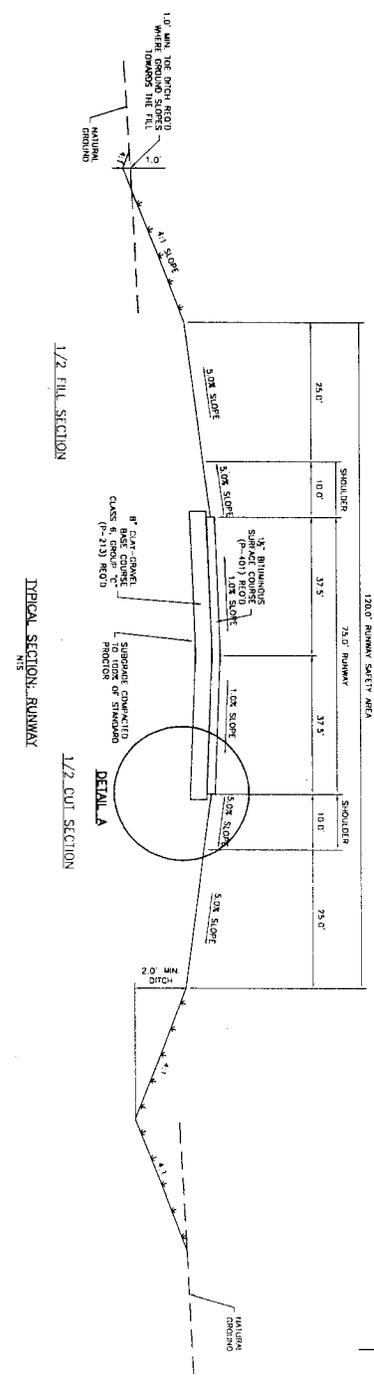
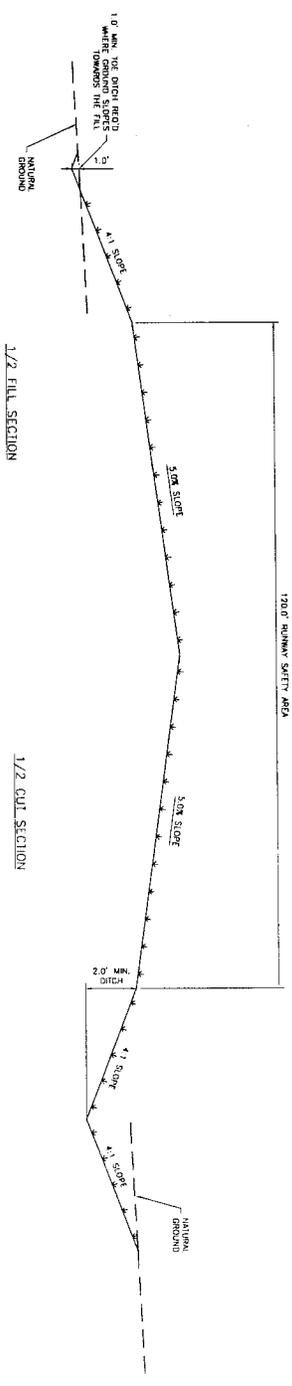
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-  Stream Crossing
-  Wetland Fill Area
-  Hand Clear Area

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**Proposed Runway Extension  
Thigpen Airport,  
Bay Springs MS**

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wetlandcs@comcast.net



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BAY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI

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