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ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 2288  
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

Regulatory Division  
PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2012-00884-MBM

August 16, 2013

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

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

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

**PROPOSED BOGUE HOMA MITIGATION BANK, JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received a complete mitigation banking prospectus for the proposed establishment of a mitigation bank referred to as the **Bogue Homa Mitigation Bank**. Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**BANK SPONSOR: Bogue Homa Mitigation Bank  
C/o Pittman Environmental Services. L.L.C.  
Attention: Mr. Bart Pittman  
P.O. Box 1926  
Purvis, Mississippi 39441**

The mitigation bank sponsors, Mr. William Thames, Ms. Mary Margaret Lawhon, and TL Investments, L.P., are proposing to establish a 492-acre commercial mitigation bank in Jones County, Mississippi, to generate wetland and stream mitigation credits for purchase by interested Department of Army (DOA) permit applicants in order to fulfill compensatory wetland and stream mitigation requirements for various project-related impacts subject to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regulatory authority pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The proposed service area for the mitigation bank includes all portions of Jasper, Jones, Wayne, Forrest, Perry, Green, and George Counties inside the 03170005 HUC watershed. Use of bank outside of designated service would require the use of the Mobile District Proximity Factor Method. The mitigation bank is located in Sections 25, 30, and 31 of Township 8 North, Range 11 West, 31.628394 North, -89.0426027 West, east of Antioch, Jones County, Mississippi.

To generate wetland mitigation credits within the Bogue Homa mitigation bank, the sponsors propose to enhance 334 acres of bottomland hardwood wetlands. The proposed mitigation bank also contains 22.8 acres of swamp that is proposed as preservation and 3.6 acres of uplands. The site has historically been used and managed for pine silviculture purposes. The proposed bottomland hardwood

**enhancement activities would include pine tree removal, exotic species removal, and tree planting of bottomland hardwood wetland species to restore the composition, density and diversity of the native bottomland hardwood wetland system. The site is adjacent to high-quality unimpacted hardwood systems that will be used as reference sites for determining appropriate wetland species. All wetland credit calculations will be determined using the Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure (WRAP).**

**To generate stream mitigation credits within the Bogue Homa mitigation bank, the applicant proposes to enhance 128 acres of bottomland hardwood wetlands within the riparian zones along 5,236 linear feet of Bogue Homa, 7,922 linear feet of Mill Creek, and 2,035 linear feet of Double Branch. All streams are perennial streams and will have 200-foot riparian buffers. There are 4.27 acres of scattered upland areas within the riparian buffer on the west side of Bogue Homa. No instream mitigation is proposed. All stream credits will be determined using the 2012 Mobile District Compensatory Stream Mitigation Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines.**

On 10 April 2008 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued new regulations, in the Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 70, governing compensatory mitigation for losses of aquatic resources. The new regulation, 33 CFR 332 – Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources, establishes performance standards and criteria for mitigation projects including mitigation banks. Part 33 CFR 332.8 addresses requirements for establishing, operating, and maintaining mitigation banks that provide credits to satisfy mitigation requirements of the Clean Water Act, Section 404 permit program. Recognizing the potential benefits mitigation banking offers for streamlining the permit evaluation process and providing more effective mitigation for authorized impacts to wetlands, the agencies encourage the establishment and appropriate use of mitigation banks in the Section 404 program. This guidance became effective 9 June 2008.

An interagency group of Federal and State regulatory and resource agency representatives, as appropriate given the projected use for the bank, referred to as the Mitigation Banking Interagency Review Team (IRT), is signatory to a banking instrument and oversees the establishment, use and operation of a mitigation bank. Information provided in the prospectus will serve as the basis for establishing a banking instrument which will describe in detail the physical and legal characteristics of the bank and how the bank will be established and operated.

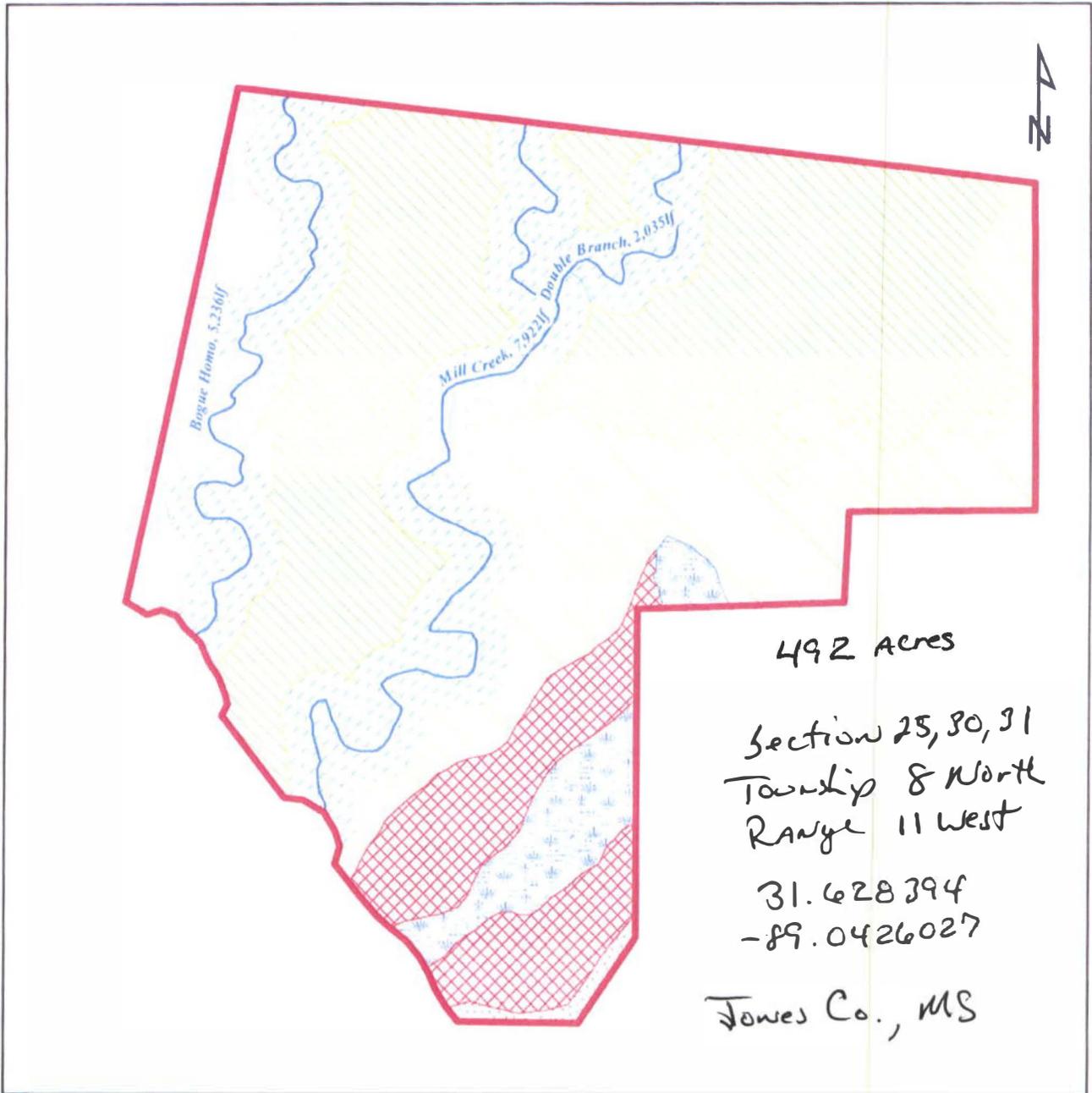
The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties for consideration while evaluating this proposed activity. Copies of all comments received will be distributed to the other members of the IRT and the bank sponsor for full consideration in the development of the mitigation bank.

Comments concerning this Public Notice should be received within 30 days of the date of this public notice and should refer to number **SAM-2012-00884-MBM** and direct your correspondence to the District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Regulatory Division; with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2261, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530. If you have any questions concerning this publication, please contact Mr. Michael Moxey, IRT Chair, at [michael.b.moxey@usace.army.mil](mailto:michael.b.moxey@usace.army.mil) or telephone number (251) 690-2658.

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Enclosures





**Legend**

- Project Area
- Streams- 15,193 linear feet
- Young Pine Plantation, BLH Enhancement, Reforestation- 180.4 acres
- Older Pine Plantation, BLH Enhancement, Reforestation- 94.6 acres
- Tupelo Gum Swamp, Preservation- 22.8
- Tallow/ Hardwood, BLH Enhancement- 45.9 acres
- Riparian Buffer Enhancement (200 ft buffer)- 128.0 acres
- +/- 75% Bottomland Hardwood Enhancement- 17.1 acres
- Upland Buffer- 3.6 acres

**Proposed Bogue Homa Mitigation Bank**

Phase I, +/- 492 acres  
 Sections 25, 30, 31- T 8N - R 11W  
 Jones County, Mississippi

BING Imagery Accessed 8/5/2013

