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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE
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BIRMINGHAM FIELD OFFICE
218 SUMMIT PARKWAY, SUITE 222
HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA 35209

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2016-00424-JMT

DATE 2 May 2016

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

REQUEST FOR THE FILLING OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE EXPANSION OF MILLPORT MILL IN LAMAR COUNTY, ALABAMA

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 (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Weyerhaeuser NR Company
Attention: Mr. Steve Higdon, Mill Manager
14715 Highway 96 East
Millport, Alabama 35576

AGENT: FC&E Engineering
Attention: Mr. Jeremy Smith
Post Office Box 1774
Brandon, Mississippi 39043

LOCATION: The proposed project work is located on the northern perimeter of the existing Millport Mill site located in within Section 17 and 18, Township 17 South, and Range 14 West in Lamar County, Alabama (N33.575243, W-88.031177). The project is located in the Luxapallia watershed (HUC 03160105).

PROJECT PURPOSE: According to the applicant, the purpose of the project is to expand the existing footprint of the Millport Mill facility to include the addition of two continuous direct-fire kilns, dry storage buildings, shipping and trucking facilities, railroad spur, internal roads and access roads.

WORK: The applicant is seeking authorization for the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States. The project would impact 4.09 acres of wetlands.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATON: The USACE has not verified the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization at this time.

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MITIGATION: The applicant is proposing either to purchase credits at a USACE approved mitigation bank for impacts associated with this project or establish a permittee responsible mitigation plan on a wetland site near the proposed project location. The USACE has not verified the adequacy of either compensatory mitigation proposal at this time.

The applicant has not applied for certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 use of important resources. The benefit 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, 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.

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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, 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.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: 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. Although the extent of federal control and responsibility for these considerations are confined to the limits of the permit area for this particular project, the potential indirect effects that may occur to historic properties as a result of this undertaking are also being considered. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Historic architectural or archaeological investigations may be necessary to ascertain the existence of such resources. Efforts will be made through the consultation process to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect listed endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat if tree removal is conducted between October 15 and March 31.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2016-00424-JMT and should be directed to:

U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile
Birmingham Field Office
Attention: Mr. Joseph Tanko
218 Summit Parkway, Suite 222
Homewood, Alabama 35209

with a copy to the:

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State of Alabama
Department of Environmental Management
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Montgomery, Alabama 36130

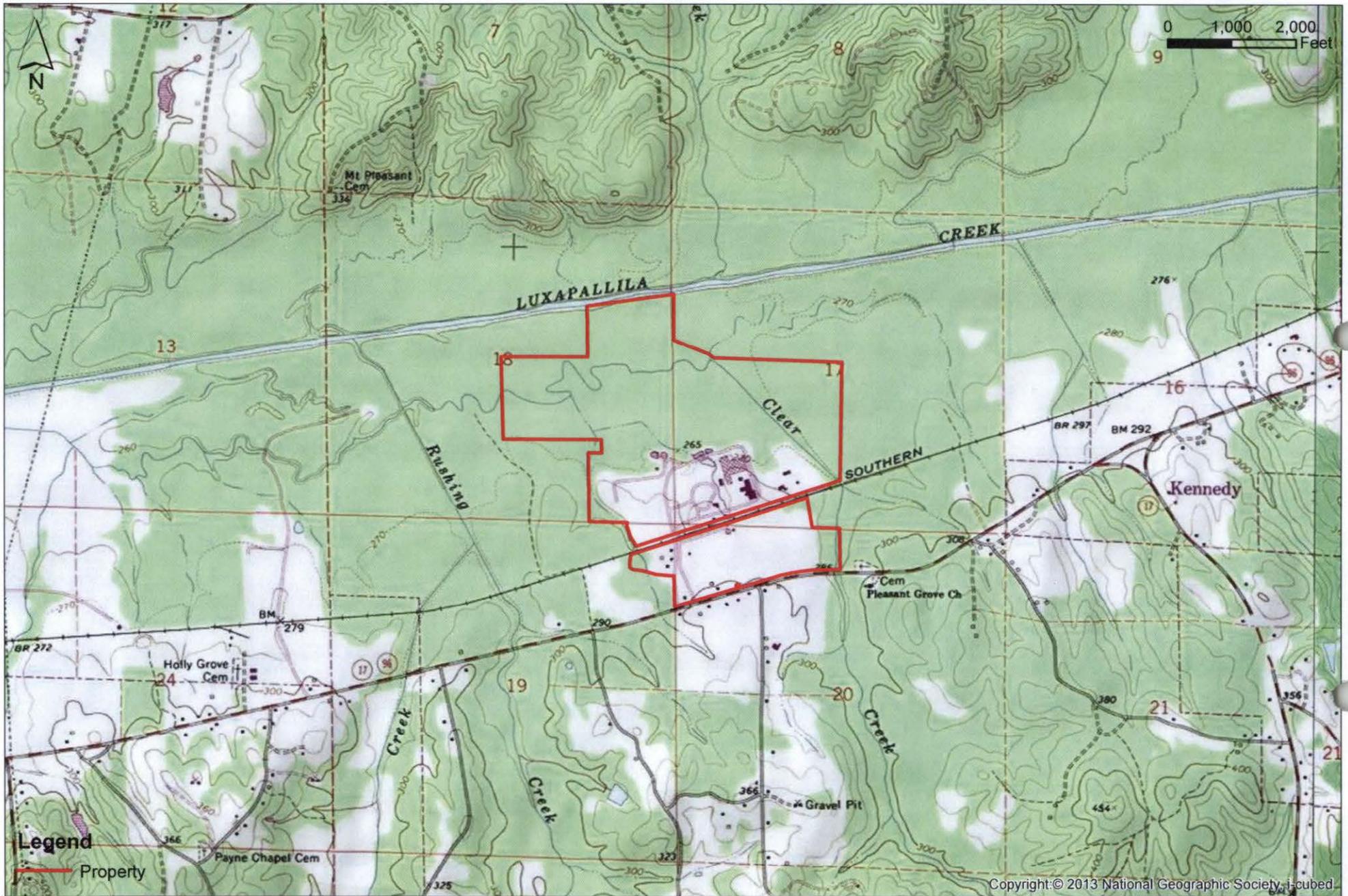
Comments should be received no later than **30 days** from the date of this Public Notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at joseph.m.tanko@usace.army.mil or telephone number **(205) 290-9096**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

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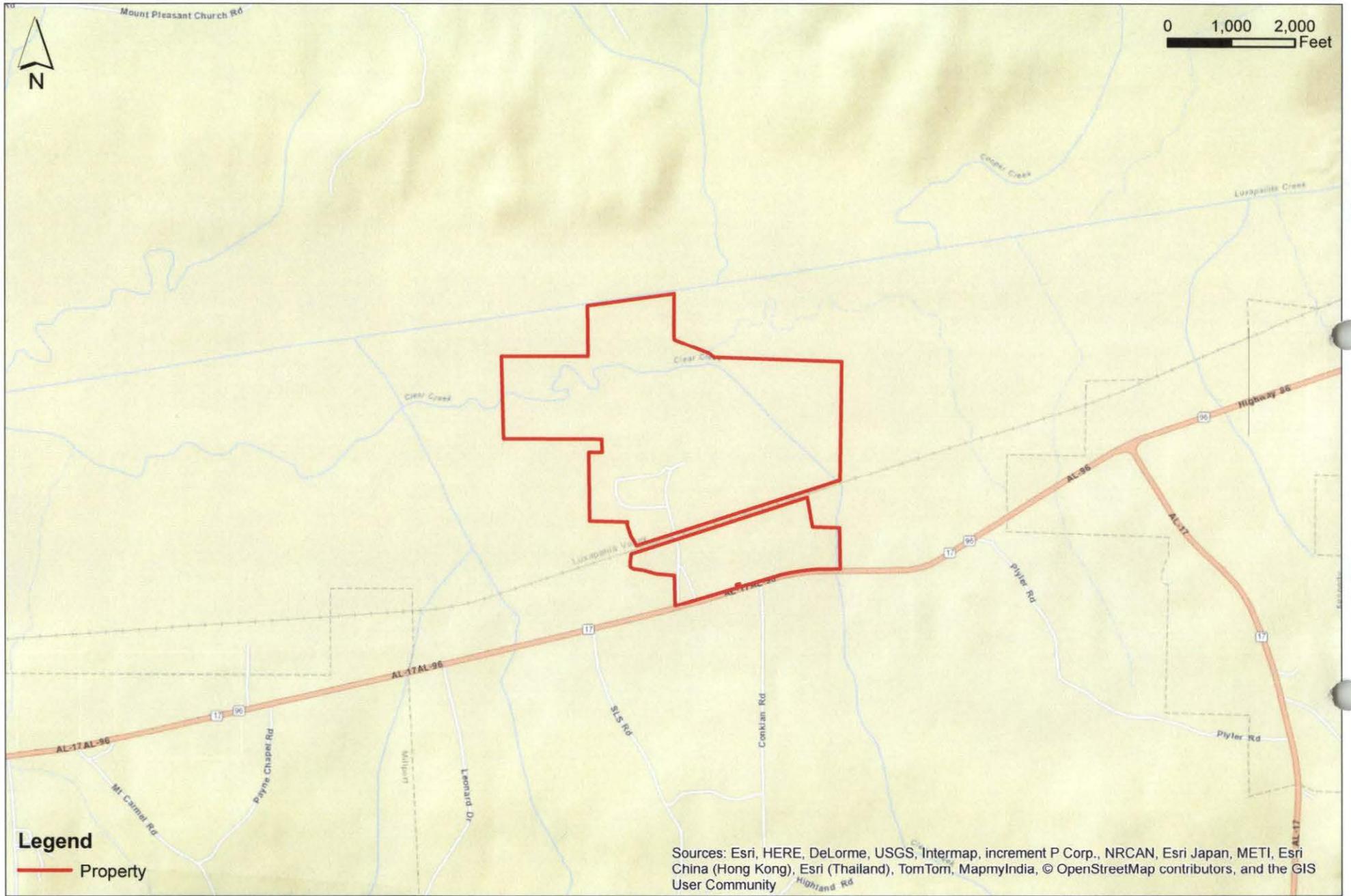
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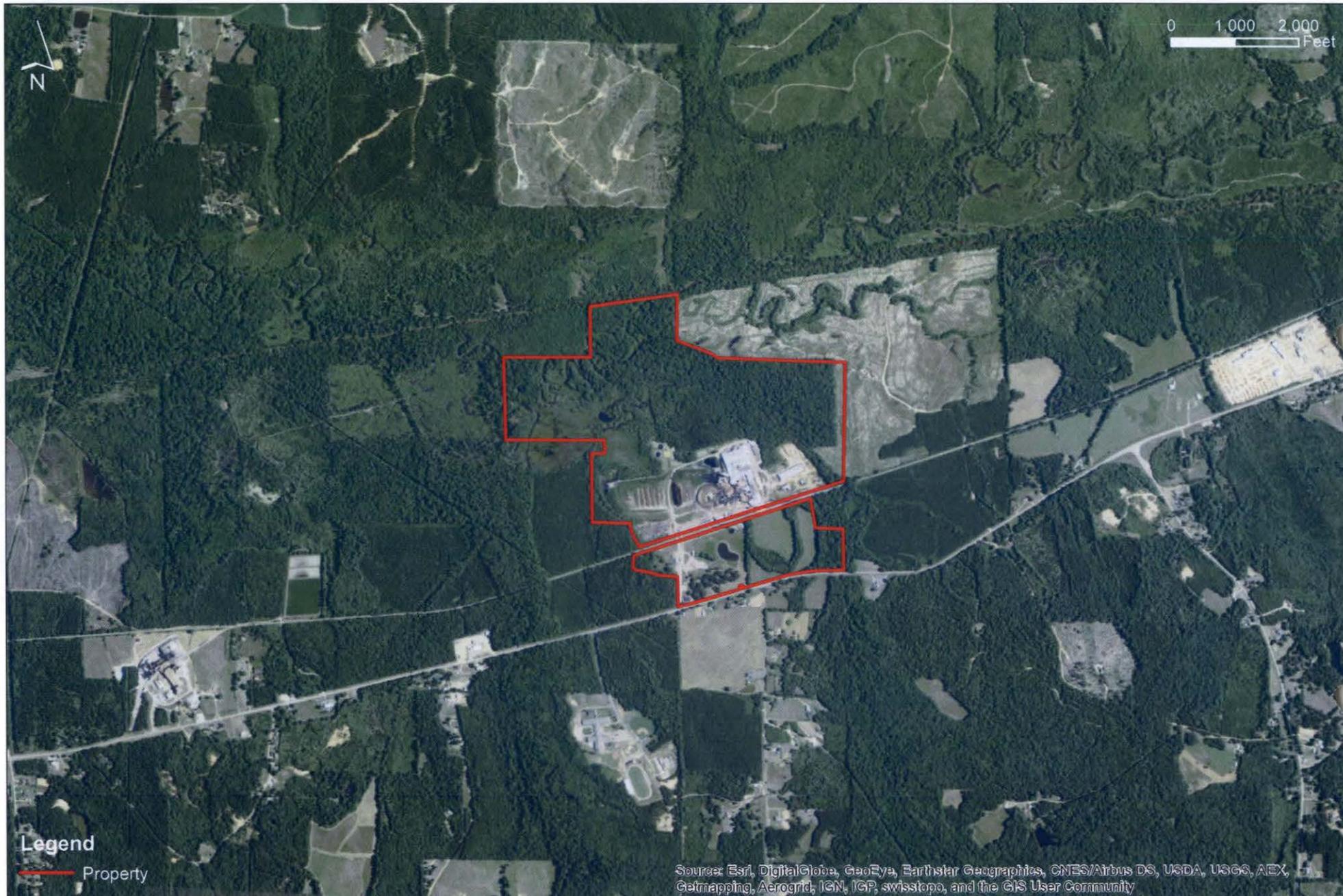


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Section 404 Permit Request for
 Weyerhaeuser Millport Expansion Project
 Millport, Lamar County, Alabama

Figure Number 1
 Figure Name: Quad Map
 Purpose: Wetlands
 Drawn By: jsmith
 Date Drawn: 03/29/2016



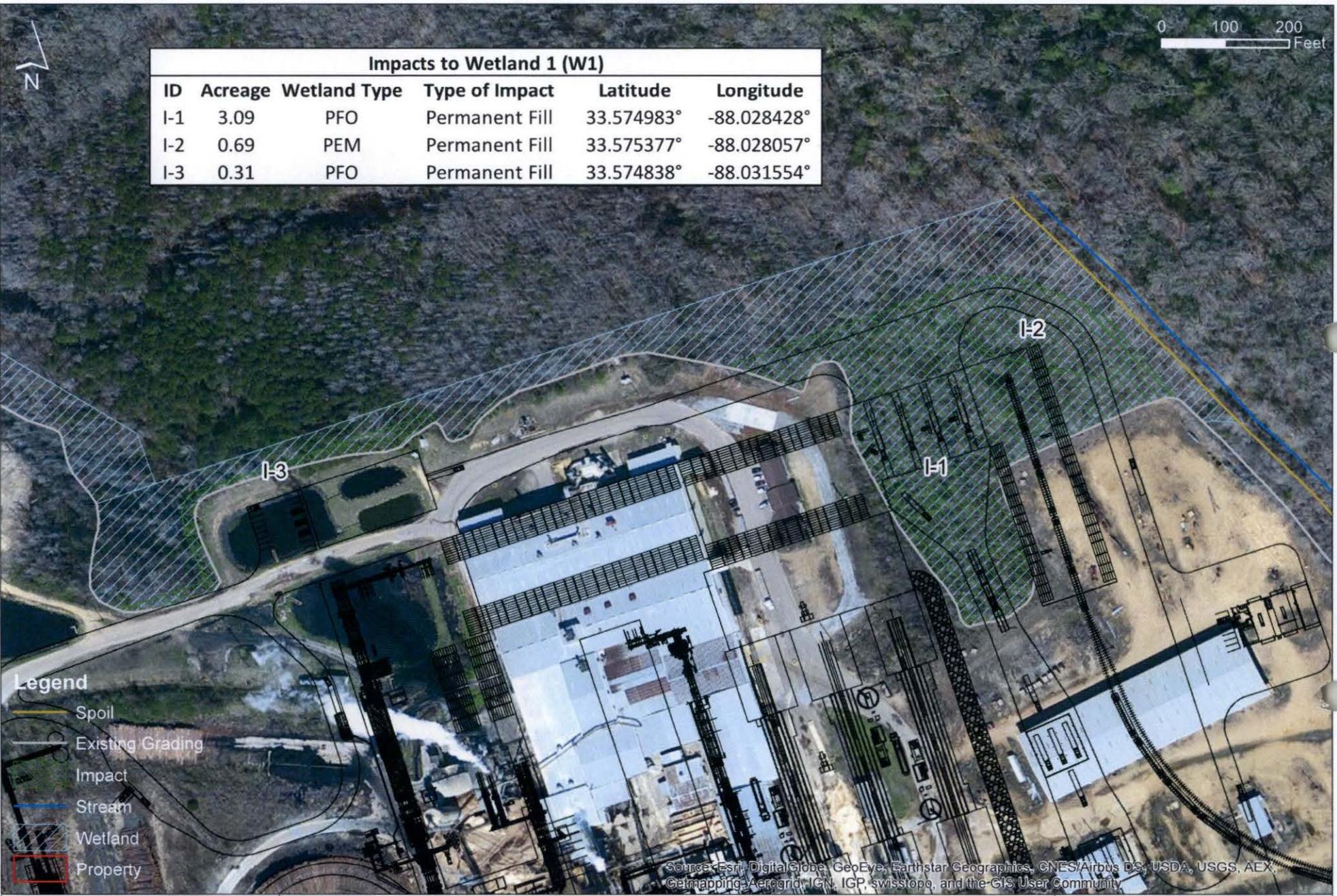






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Impacts to Wetland 1 (W1)					
ID	Acreage	Wetland Type	Type of Impact	Latitude	Longitude
I-1	3.09	PFO	Permanent Fill	33.574983°	-88.028428°
I-2	0.69	PEM	Permanent Fill	33.575377°	-88.028057°
I-3	0.31	PFO	Permanent Fill	33.574838°	-88.031554°



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