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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

PROPOSED IMPACTS TO JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS
IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARMORED TRACKED VEHICLE CROSSINGS
TRAINING AREA 10 - CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 USC 403). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Mississippi Army National Guard
Attention: Major Robert Lemire
Post Office Box 5027
Jackson, Mississippi 39296-5027

WATERWAY: An un-named tributary that drains to Denham Creek. Located specifically in Sections 1, 2, 3, 26, 27, 35, 35, and 36; Township 2 North, and Range 11 West; Perry County, Mississippi.

WORK: The applicant proposes impacts of 2.02 acres to jurisdictional wetlands at Training Area 10 located on Camp Shelby in conjunction with the construction of thirty five (35) armored vehicle crossings in support of troop training activities. The applicant proposes that these crossings are to facilitate the protection of these sensitive areas and allow troop training activities to continue.

The majority of the crossings are situated in either palustrine forested wetlands or emergent wetlands. The quality of these wetlands range from medium to high. The applicant proposes compensation for the impacts via continuation of on-post enhancement and preservation along Cypress Creek.

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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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (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 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.

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.

In response to a Draft Environmental Impact Statement the National Register of Historic Places has been consulted for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register that are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. This review will constitute the full extent of

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cultural resources investigations 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 that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archeological Services for additional consultation to the specific proposed project.

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 will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been utilized to identify any immediate proposed project concerns, however additional consultation will be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to **Public Notice Number SAM-2007-1479-DMY** and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Inland Branch, with a copies to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530. Comments should be received no later than **30 days from the date of this Public Notice.**

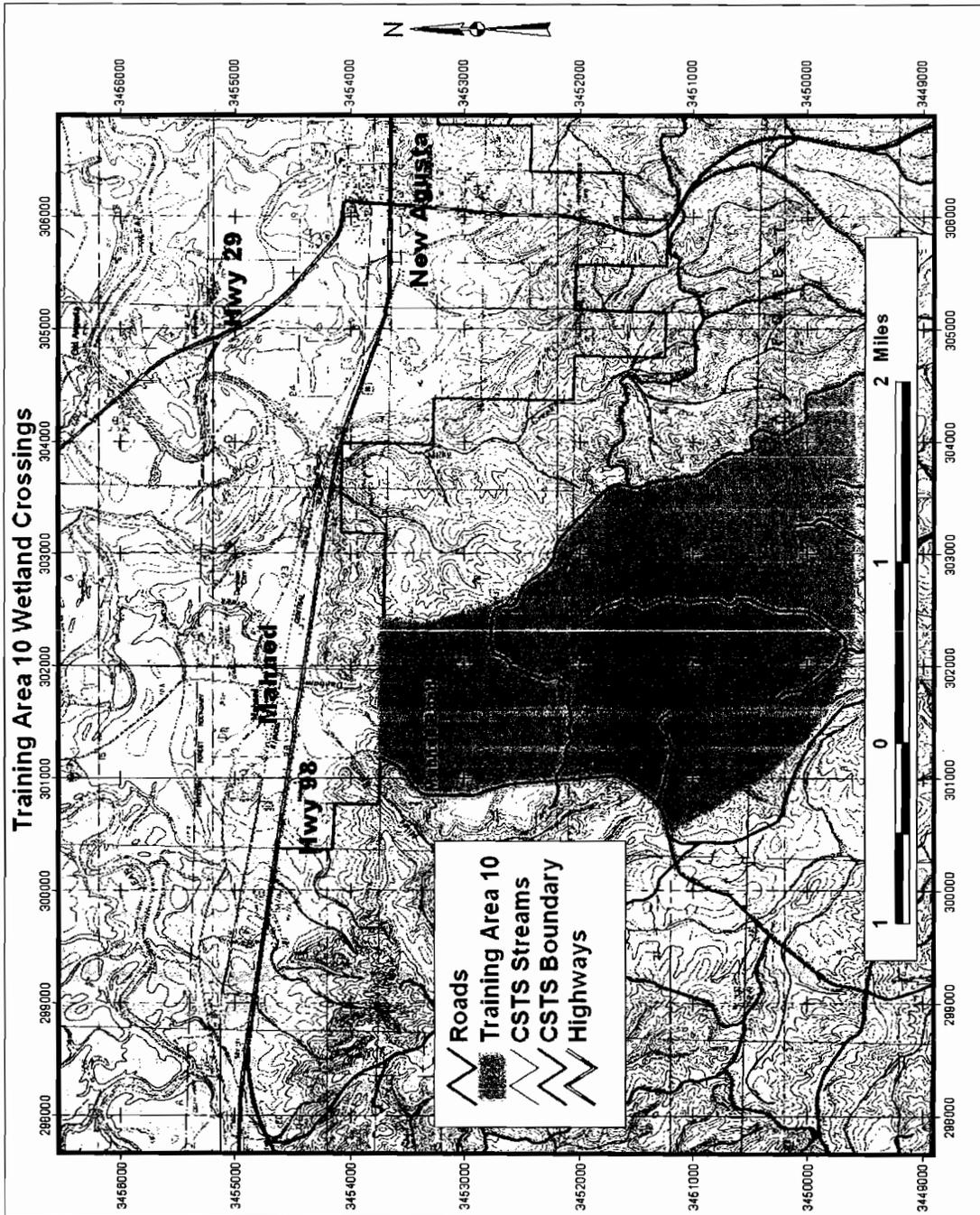
If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the Project Manager Mr. Damon M. Young via email at damon.m.young@sam.usace.army.mil or telephone number (251) 690-2658. Please refer to the Public Notice SAM-2007-1479-DMY.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/RD/reg, and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

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Enclosures

Map 1: Training Area 10 Location



Map 2: Training Area 10 Wetland Crossing Locations

