



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CESAM-RD-I
PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2009-0065-SBC

February 5, 2009

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROPOSE IMPACTS TO WATERS OF THE U.S. IN CONJUNCTION WITH
MAINTENANCE DREDGING
TOMBIGBEE RIVER, CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA

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), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT:

Boise White Paper, LLC
Attention: Mr. Hugh E. Wilson
Manager, Internal Compliance
4585 Industrial Road
Jackson, Alabama 36545

WATERWAY: Tombigbee River, River Mile 89.5, at 4585 Industrial Road, Jackson, Clarke County, Alabama. Section 18, Township 6 North, Range 2 East; Latitude 31.4806° North and Longitude -87.9094° West.

WORK: The applicant proposes to maintenance dredge at an existing water intake canal to -6.0 feet NGVD by either mechanical or hydraulic methods. Up to 2,000 cubic yards of silt and sand would be dredged annually for five years. The purpose of the dredging is to ensure a continuous supply of river water to the Boise Cascade mill, which is periodically threatened during periods of low water. In addition, a barge unloading facility would be maintenance dredged to -11.0 feet NGVD by either mechanical or hydraulic methods. Up to 2,000 cubic yards of silt and sand material would be dredged annually for five years. The purpose of this dredging would be to provide continued mooring facilities for barges loaded with logs bound for the mill. All excavated

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or dredged materials from the project would be placed in a contained upland area on the applicant's property. **Both areas have been previously dredged under Department of the Army Permit Number AL04-0047-L.** See the attached drawings for additional information.

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Alabama 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.

The Alabama Historical Commission has previously determined (under project number AHC 04-0669) that these project activities would have no effect on any known cultural resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This review

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constitutes the full extent of 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.

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. Previous review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that these project activities would have no significant adverse effects on wildlife resources.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to **Public Notice Number SAM-2009-0065-SBC** and should be sent to: District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Regulatory Division (RD-I). With copies furnished to the State of Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463 in time to be received not later than **March 07, 2009**.

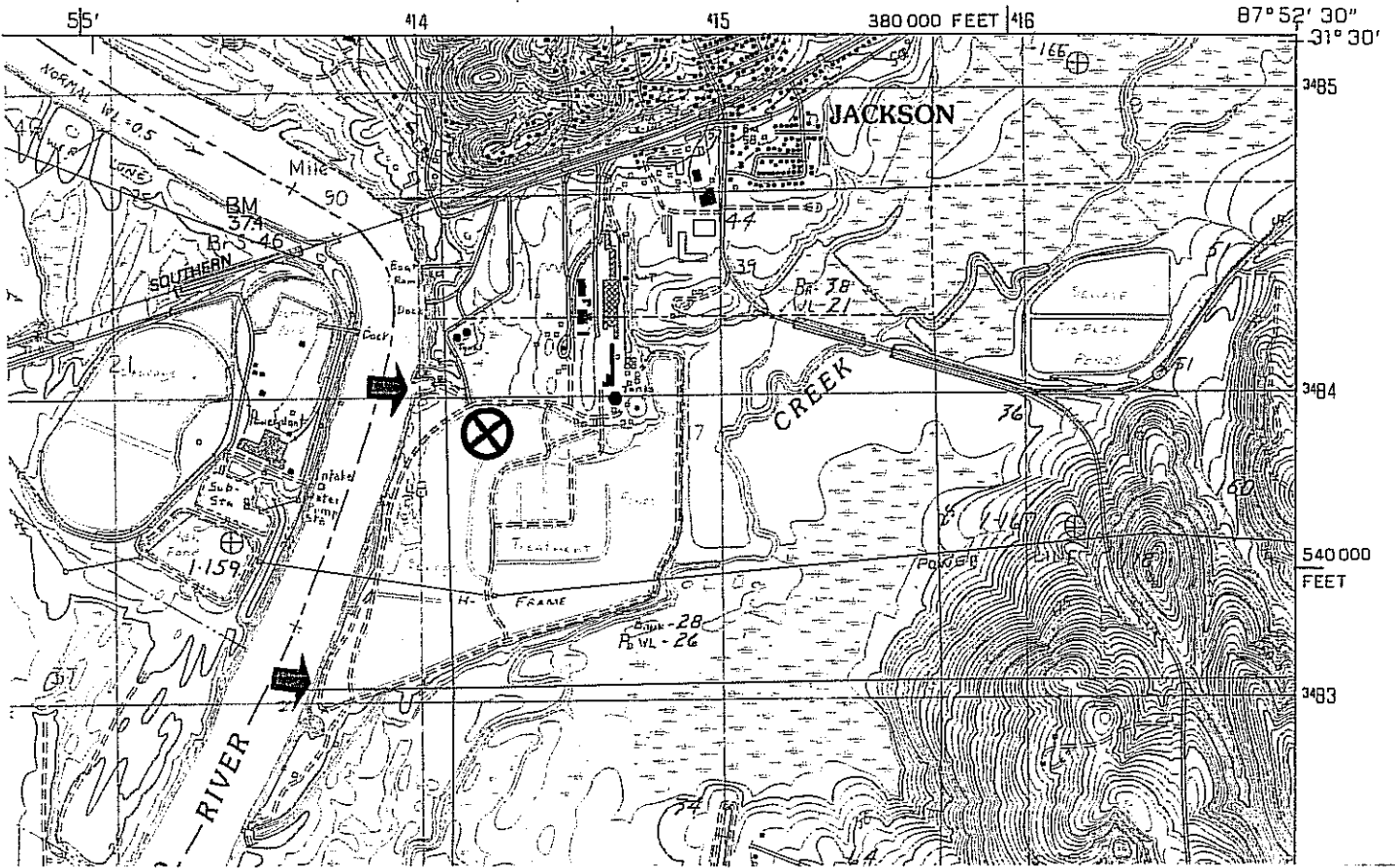
If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager, Mr. S. Brad Crosson at telephone number (251) 690-2658 or steven.b.crosson@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the Public Notice Number SAM-2009-0065-SBC.

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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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

PRESTWICK QUADRANGLE
ALABAMA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Attachment 1.

Vicinity Map, Boise White Paper, Jackson Mill.



Dredge Project Locations



Dredge Disposal Area

Note: This map is extracted from U.S.G.S. Prestwick Quadrangle Alabama

Section 18, T-6-N, R-2-E

Scale: 1:24000

North



