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Reply To: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attn: CEMVS-OD-F 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833 Public Notice No. P-3104

Public Notice Date: July 19, 2018

Expiration Date: August 7, 2018

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File Number: MVS-2018-532

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached maps.

<u>COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833 ATTN: Tyson Zobrist

<u>APPLICANT</u>: St. Charles County Parks., Attn: Mr. Joseph James, 201 N. Second St., Suite 510., St. Charles, Missouri 63301.

LOCATION: Dredging activities would occur within the existing Hideaway Harbor boat ramp basin (Weber Lake). The boat ramp and basin is located along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at river mile 213.8, approximately 1.2 miles west of Portage Des Sioux, in St. Charles County, Missouri.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: St. Charles County Parks seeks authorization to mechanically dredge approximately 11,200 cubic yards of accumulated sediment and sand from within the mouth of Hideaway Harbor boat ramp basin (Weber Lake), providing adequate depths for safe boater access from the boat ramp to the Mississippi River. The purpose of the project would be to remove sediments and sand that have been deposited within the boat basin due to the fluctuation of the water levels within the Mississippi River. Authorization to conduct periodic dredging activities would ensure an adequate depth for safe boating and public access to the Mississippi River. The dredge material will be placed on a barge, hauled to the downstream end of Portage Island and deposited back into the Mississippi River near mile 213.0. Dredging needs and frequency are dependent on the Mississippi River's fluctuation and deposition patterns. Due to the unknown schedule of dredging needs, St. Charles County Parks seeks a 5-year permit authorization to allow periodic dredging on an

as needed basis.

<u>LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS</u>: See attached. In addition, the project plans may be viewed in color and in more detail by visiting the Public Notice section of our website at http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices.aspx

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Tyson Zobrist, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8578. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to Tyson.J.Zobrist@usace.army.mil.

<u>AUTHORITY:</u> This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) requires that all discharges of dredged or fill material must be certified by the appropriate state agency as complying with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The project plans will be submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program (the Agency) in accordance with Section 401. While the Corps of Engineers may provide all relevant information to DNR and request Section 401 review on behalf of the applicant, the applicant assumes final responsibility to ensure that both agencies receive all information required to complete their independent review. If issued, Certification will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

<u>SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION</u>: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: In compliance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.], we will work cooperatively with the applicant and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in analyzing effects posed by proposed actions on listed species or designated critical habitats. We will obtain or review an applicant provided official species list from the Service's IPaC website at https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/. Following the comment period, we will make an effect determination and consult with the Service on actions that may affect listed species or designated critical habitat to insure those actions will not jeopardize the continued existence of a listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES:</u> The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Native American Tribes and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the activity described, will be considered including the cumulative effects. Among factors considered are: conservation; economics; aesthetics; general environmental concerns; wetlands; historic properties; 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 and fiber production; mineral needs; consideration of property ownership; and in general the needs and welfare of the people.

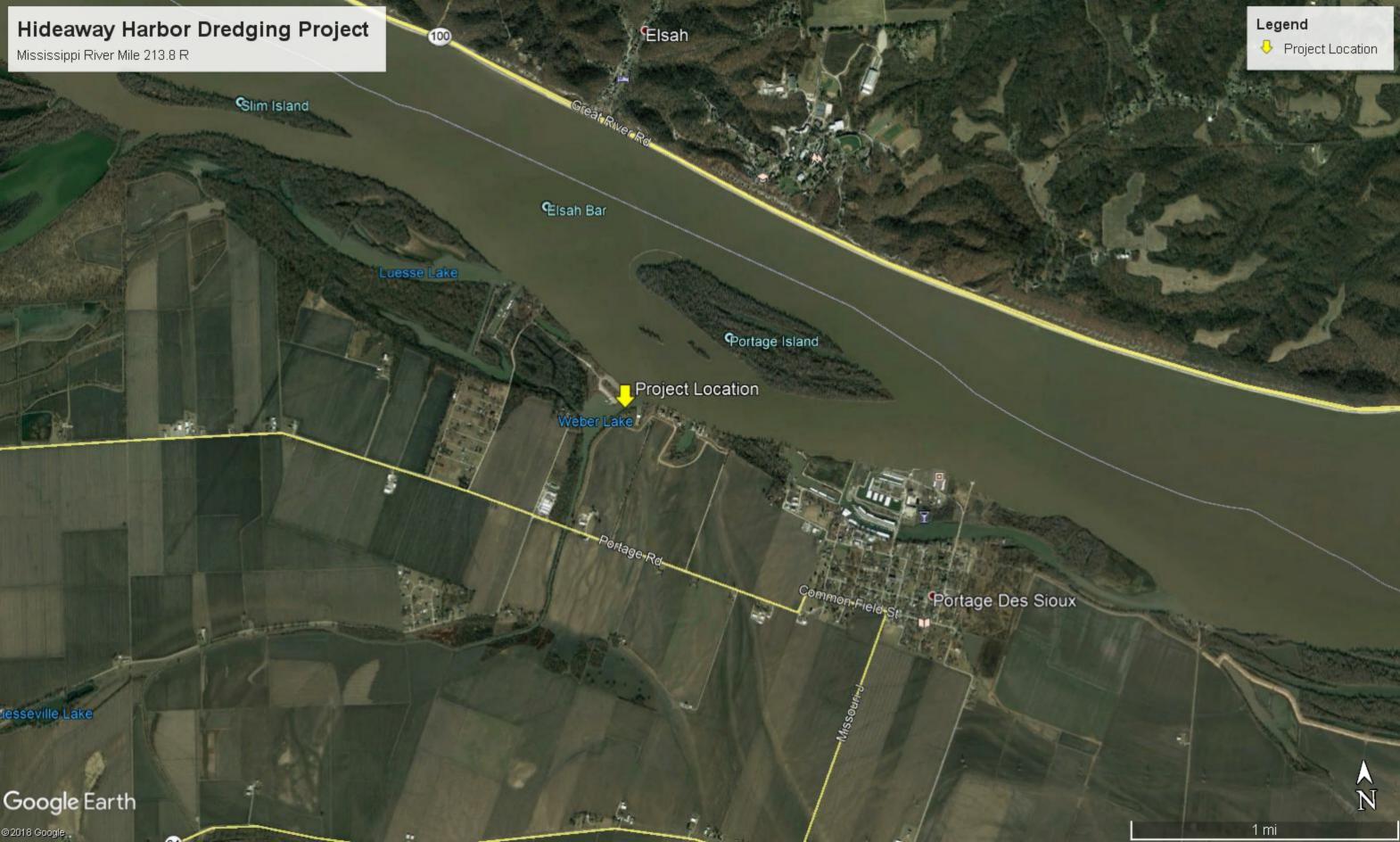
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 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.

Danny D. M. CLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.





Hideaway Harbor

1550 Hideaway Harbor Drive Portege de Sioux, MO 63373

LOCATION MAP



