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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	<u>MVK-2012-197</u>
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Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, is considering a proposal for an addendum to the Pelican Foster Mitigation Bank (PFMB). A prospectus has been received describing the proposed addendum submitted by Pelican Mitigation, LLC, the bank Sponsor. The proposed site is located in Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 5 West in Ashley County, Arkansas (HUC 08040205).

Description: The addendum to PFMB is being proposed by the bank sponsor as a means to meet the requirements for compensatory mitigation for future and yet unknown wetland and stream losses which may be permitted by the Corps under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The proposed addendum site is situated south of US Highway 82, west of US Highway 165 and north of State Route 8 in Ashley County, Arkansas. Access to the Site is via County Road 69. The Site is bound to the east by PFMB, to the south and west by pine plantation, and to the north by County Road 69 and a residential property. The approximate center coordinates for the addendum are Latitude 33.213227° and Longitude -91.612782.

Baseline Conditions / Current Land Use / Proposed Actions:

The addendum to PFMB would add approximately 56.3 acres, with current baseline conditions of 2.7 acres of bottomland hardwood wetlands, 1.3 acres of shrub-scrub wetlands, 17.0 acres of emergent wetlands and 2,727 linear feet of stream channel.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) designated primary soil series found on the property include: Arkabutla silt loam, Calloway silt loam, Grenada silt loam, and Rilla silt loam, which all are listed as having hydric components. The proposed addendum site is located in the Ouachita River watershed within the United State Geological Survey (USGS) Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 08040205. The hydrogeomorphic wetland class of the addendum site is a combination of riverine wetlands and depressional wetlands, with primary sources of hydrology from a riverine backwater flooding, overland flow from adjacent lands, and direct precipitation.

Bottomland hardwood wetland activities would consist of 3.6 acres of herbaceous wetland enhancement, 0.01 acre of shrub-scrub wetland enhancement, and 0.01 acre of preservation. Upland buffer activities would consist of 29 acres of enhancement. Stream activities would consist of 0.03 acre (330 linear feet) of Priority 1 restoration, 0.03 acre (91 linear feet) of stream wetland complex, and 1.9 acres (2,727 linear feet) of preservation of an unnamed tributary to Overflow Creek. Riparian buffer activities will consist of 13.4 acres (2,028 linear feet) of stream buffer bottomland hardwood enhancement (herbaceous wetlands), 1.3 acres (197 linear feet) of stream buffer bottomland hardwood enhancement (shrub-scrub wetlands), and 2.7 acres (404 linear feet) of stream buffer bottomland hardwood preservation. Upland stream buffer activities will consist of 3.4 acres (519 linear feet) of enhancement. Remaining acreage associated with the proposed bank addendum, not proposed for rehabilitation, enhancement, and preservation activities includes 1.5 acres of roads.

Service Area: This Mitigation Bank would be established to provide mitigation to compensate for impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands, within the Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District Regulatory Boundary in the state of Arkansas. The proposed service area for this mitigation bank is demarcated by the United States Geologic Survey as hydrologic unit codes 08040205 and 08040204

Comments on this proposed mitigation bank may be provided to the Corps at the address below. Comments should be received no later than the expiration date of this public notice. The prospectus, which outlines the conceptual plan for the bank, is available at the following website:

<http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/>

**The prospectus is available for review at the Vicksburg District, Corps of Engineers at the address given below.
Please provide comments to:**

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