



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Vicksburg District
4155 Clay Street
Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435
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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	MVK-2017-854
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DATE:	August 2, 2019
EXPIRATION DATE:	August 22, 2019

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District is considering an application for a Department of the Army permit for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435.

Application also has been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with La. R.S. 30.2074(A)(93), and Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217). Additional information is on file with the above office, and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained upon payment of cost of copying. Comments concerning the application can be filed with the Office of Environmental Services within 20 days of this notice to the following address: Office of Environmental Services, Post Office Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged and / or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:
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Purple Alpha II, LLC
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Collierville, Tennessee 38017

Name of Agent:
Mr. Bill Tomlinson
Sustainable Resource Managers, LLC
Post Office Box 820186
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39182

Location of Work: Section 11, T20N- Range 12E, Latitude 32.7316, Longitude - 91.2042, within Tensas Drainage Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 08050003), East Carroll Parish, Louisiana.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for an after-the-fact Department of the Army permit to conduct regulated activities in jurisdictional wetlands for the purpose of clearing wetlands for commercial production of agricultural commodities.

Purple Alpha II, LLC (Purple Alpha) inadvertently cleared two jurisdictional wetlands that were embedded within the currently expired USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Parcels. The two parcels were initially thought to have been part of the previously enrolled and expired CRP acreage. One parcel is 2.83 acres in size and the other parcel is 4.2 acres.

The vegetation within the project area is currently dominated by sicklepod, Johnson grass, goldenrod, prickly fanpetals, prostrate knotweed, field blackberry, and heartleaf peppervine. Soil within the project site consists of Newellton-Tunica complex.

Approximately 7.03 acres of scrub shrub wetlands have been permanently impacted prior to permit issuance.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of jurisdictional impacts through on-site Permittee Responsible Mitigation.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

Cultural Resources: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, state lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the proposed undertaking upon these properties. The permit area has been so extensively modified that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon a historic property, even if present within the affected area.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect the following endangered species or their critical habitats: Northern long-eared bat. Based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES) as signed on December 1, 2014 between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the proposed activity would have no effect the following species: Pallid sturgeon, Interior least tern and Fat Pocketbook Pearly Mussel.

Floodplain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Floodplain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a floodplain development permit is required. Floodplain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements. The project is located within the 100 year floodplain.

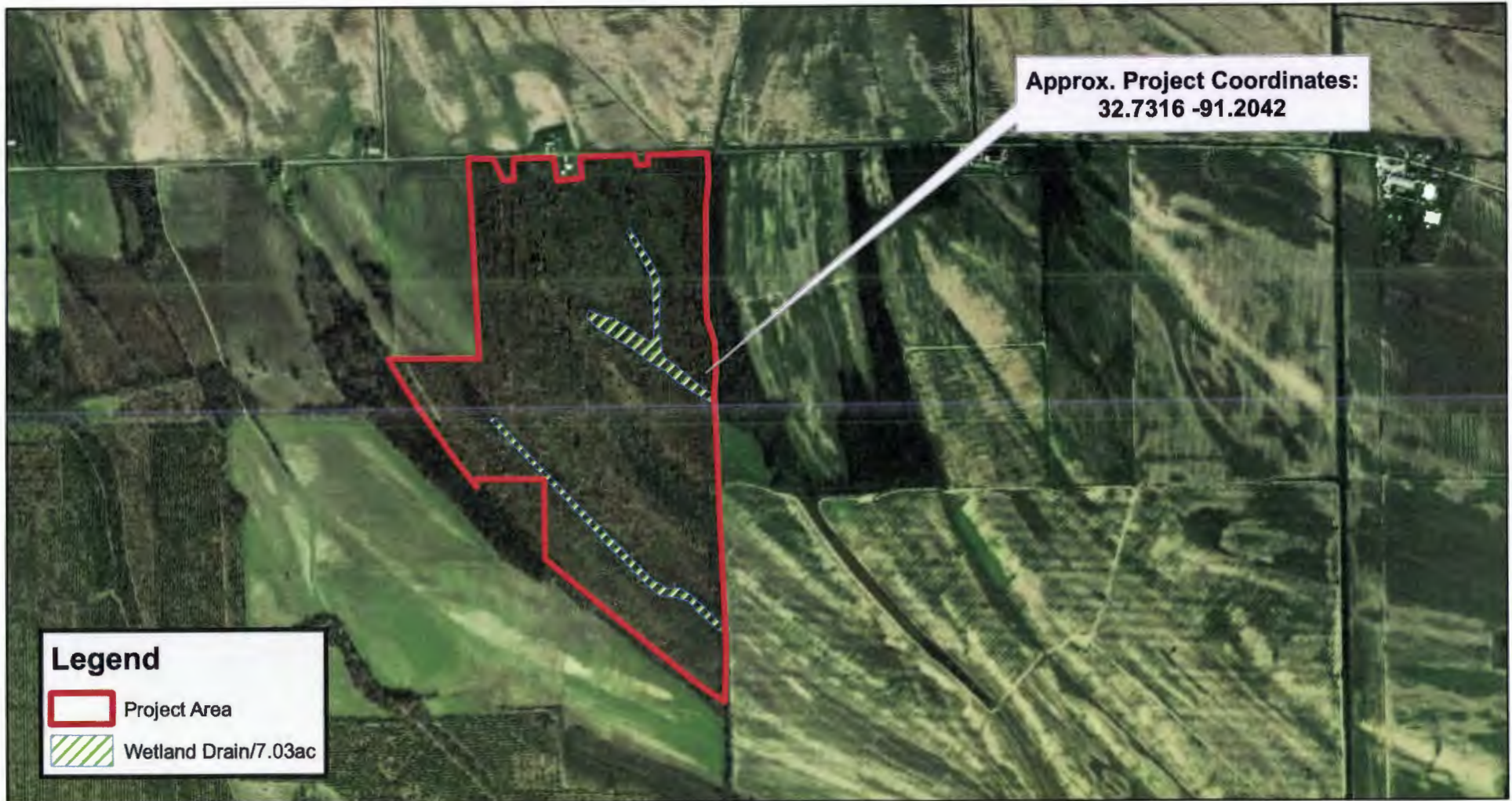
Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

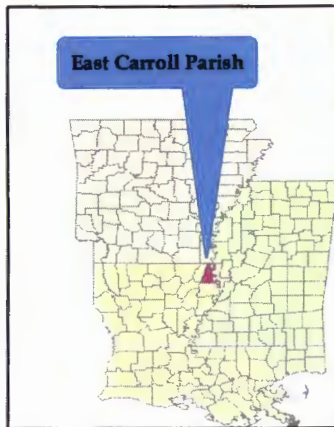
Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

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Regulatory Branch



Legend

-  Project Area
-  Wetland Drain/7.03ac



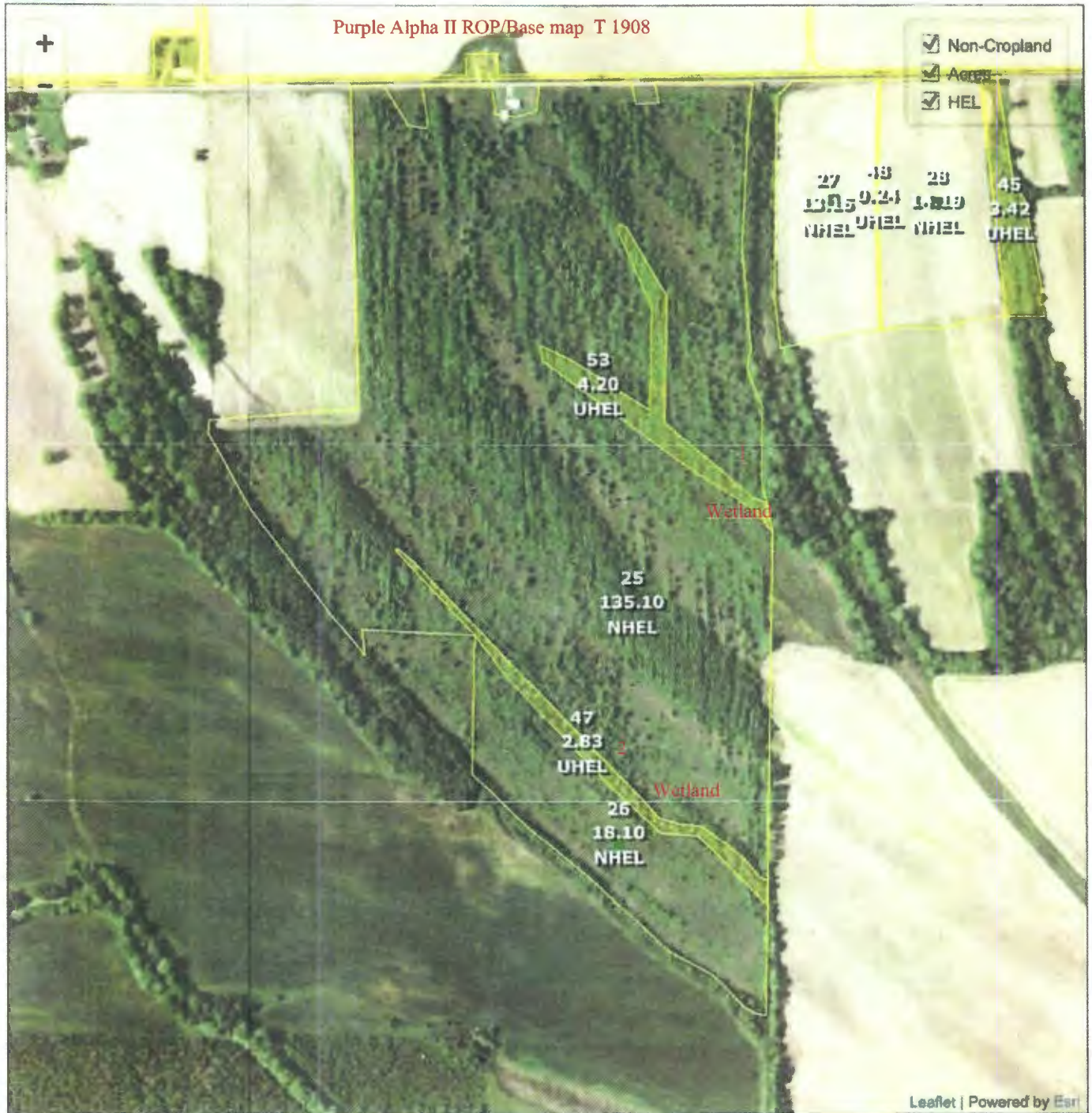
February 12, 2019
MVK-2017-854
 Applicant:
 Steve Brunson
 Proposed Work:
 CRP Revision
 Location:
 Sections 11 & 14, T20N-R12E
 Transylvania, Quadrangle
 East Carroll Parish, LA
 Map Background:
 NAIP Aerial (2010)
Preliminary
Jurisdictional Determination
 Prepared by:
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 Feet



Common Land Unit
 Cropland Non-cropland CRP

Farm 2357
Tract 1908

Wetland Determination Identifiers

- Restricted Use
- Limited Restrictions
- Exempt from Conservation Compliance Provisions

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2017 Crop Year



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