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Fort Worth District

Public Notice

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Activity: Cedar Ridge Reservoir
Environmental Impact Statement and Scoping Announcement

Date: April 13, 2018

The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of an Environmental Impact Statement being prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District.

Regulatory Program

Since its early history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has played an important role in the development of the nation's water resources. Originally, this involved construction of harbor fortifications and coastal defenses. Later duties included the improvement of waterways to provide avenues of commerce. An important part of our mission today is the protection of the nation's waterways through the administration of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program.

Section 10

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) to regulate *all work or structures in or affecting the course, condition or capacity of navigable waters of the United States*. The intent of this law is to protect the navigable capacity of waters important to interstate commerce.

Section 404

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) to regulate the *discharge of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States, including wetlands*. The intent of the law is to protect the nation's waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical and biological integrity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR CEDAR RIDGE RESERVOIR

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, FORT WORTH DISTRICT

SUBJECT: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District (USACE) is releasing this Public Notice to announce a public scoping meeting and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze potential impacts associated with the Cedar Ridge Reservoir proposed by the City of Abilene, Texas. The EIS will analyze the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to waters of the U.S. and all other relevant environmental and human resources. To keep the public informed, additional information pertaining to the EIS can be found at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permitting/Cedar-Ridge-Reservoir-EIS-SWF-2010-00191/>.

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LOCATION: Cedar Ridge Reservoir would be located on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River in Shackelford, Throckmorton, Haskell, and Jones Counties, upstream of Possum Kingdom Lake, near the town of Lueders, Texas; USGS Quad maps Antelope Hills, Lueders East, and Lueders NE; Middle Brazos-Clear Fork 8 Digit HUC 12060102, at approximate Latitude 32.96504, Longitude -99.45903, in the Central Great Plains ecoregion.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District (USACE) has received an application for a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the City of Abilene to construct the proposed Cedar Ridge Reservoir. The Cedar Ridge Reservoir, if constructed, would be a non-federal project constructed, owned, and operated by the City of Abilene. The USACE has determined that issuing this permit may significantly impact the environment, and, therefore, requires the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The EIS will be prepared according to the USACE's procedures for implementing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), and consistent with the USACE's policy to facilitate public understanding and review of agency proposals, as well as to develop information, data, and analyses to be used in 404(b)(1) guidelines and public interest review analyses for the Cedar Ridge Reservoir project. The EIS is intended to provide an environmental evaluation focusing on the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative aquatic resource impacts, in addition to other relevant environmental and human resources, that could be affected by the reservoir. As part of the EIS process, a full range of reasonable alternatives, including the proposed Action and no action, will be evaluated. The use of a third party contract arrangement will be utilized to develop the EIS funded by the City of Abilene, Texas.

The USACE has invited the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Texas Historical Commission to be cooperating agencies in the formulation of the EIS.

The USACE will be conducting a public scoping meeting to describe the Project, preliminary alternatives, the NEPA compliance process, and to solicit input on the issues and alternatives to be evaluated and other related matters. **The public scoping meetings for the EIS will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N 6th Street, Abilene, Texas, 79601.**

The public scoping meeting will include an 'open house' format and a presentation of information. Although written comments are encouraged, no formal public statements or public testimony will be taken at this time.

Written comments for scoping will be accepted until June 15, 2018. The USACE has prepared a scoping announcement (attached) to familiarize agencies, the public, and interested organizations with the proposed action and potential environmental issues that may be involved. The scoping announcement describes the target resources to be assessed and other important information. Copies of the scoping announcement will be available at the public scoping meetings or can be requested by mail.

The point of contact for the EIS is Mr. Frederick Land; Regulatory Division, CESWF-DE-R; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Post Office Box 17300; Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300. You may visit the Regulatory Branch in Room 3A37 of the Federal Building at 819 Taylor Street in Fort Worth between 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Telephone inquiries should be directed to (817) 886-1731.

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