



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

January 28, 2008

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
ACQUISITION OF JASE T. RUNNELS PROPERTY
SAM RAYBURN RESERVOIR, SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY, TEXAS**

Description. Interested parties are hereby notified that the District Commander, Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding the proposed Land Acquisition at Sam Rayburn Reservoir, San Augustine County, Texas.

Statutory Authority. This notice is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and Engineering Regulation 200-2-2.

Background. The Sam Rayburn Reservoir was authorized by Congress in 1955 and began impoundment in March, 1965 for the purposes of flood control, hydro-electric power generation, and conservation of water for municipal, industrial, agricultural, and recreational uses. Wave action has caused the sandy loam soil to erode beyond the government property line beneath the porch of the structure owned by Jase T. Runnels. The EA addresses the impacts of the proposed action alternative and the no action alternative.

Proposed Action. The proposed action alternative is the fee acquisition of a 0.44-acre parcel of land within Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block 3 in Caddell Cove Subdivision located on the north end of Sam Rayburn Reservoir, San Augustine County, Texas from Mr. Runnels. Acquisition of the subject property would correct the reverse encroachment caused by erosion, prevent future development on the subject property and provide for the proper disposal of building materials before bank failure for protection of Sam Rayburn Reservoir.

Public Hearing. A public hearing has not been scheduled for this proposed action. Prior to the close of the comment period, any person may make a written request for a public hearing, setting forth the particular reasons for the request. The District Commander will determine whether the issues raised are substantial and should be considered in his decision. If a public hearing is warranted, all known interested parties will be notified of the time, date, and location of such a hearing.

Public Review. Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended in 1975 (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500 through 1508), the U.S. Department of the Army gives notice that it has prepared the required environmental documentation for acquisition of Jase T. Runnels property, Sam Rayburn Reservoir, San Augustine County, Texas. This document is available for review on the Fort Worth District Website www.swf.usace.army.mil or at the following addresses:

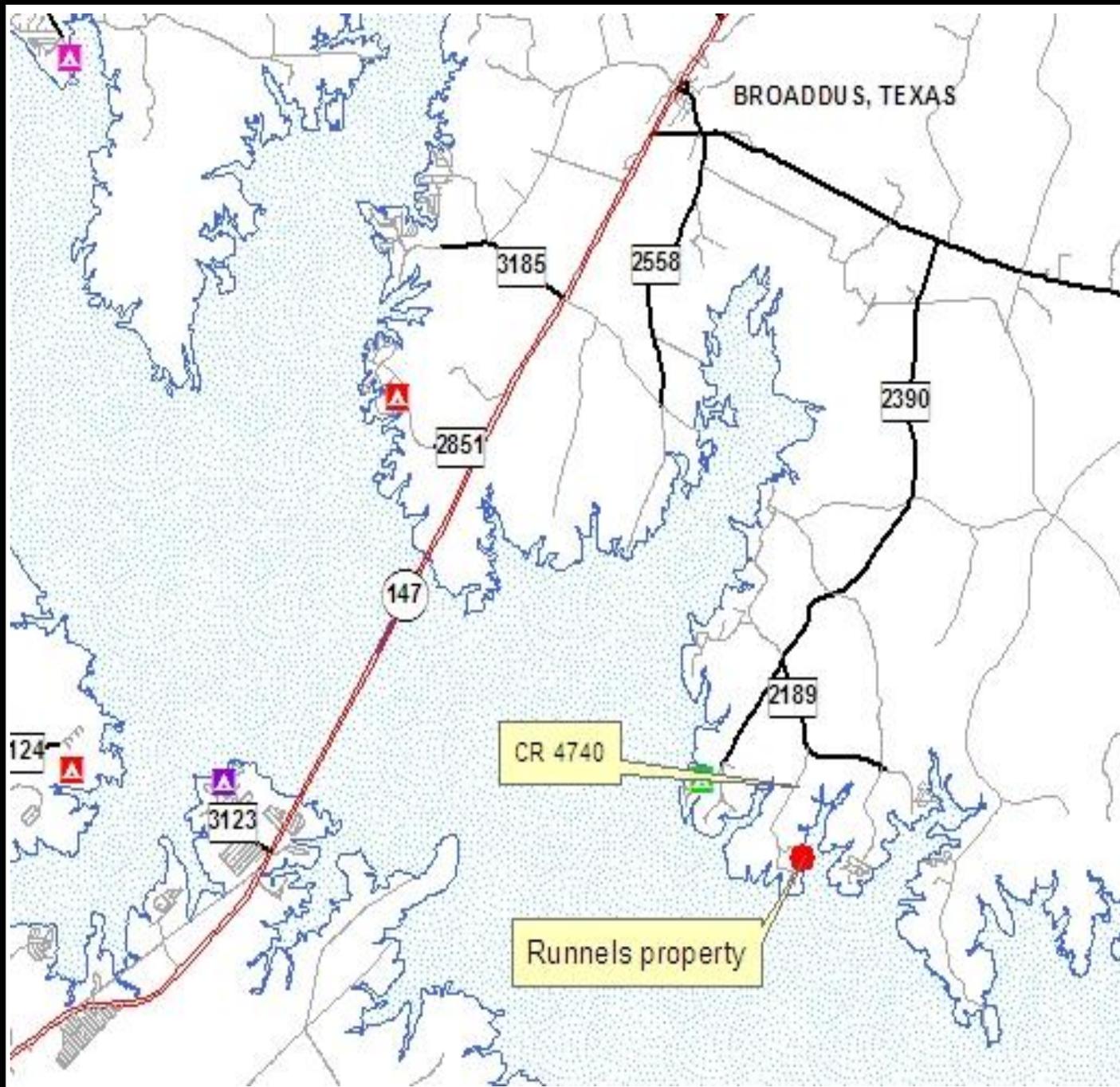
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413 E Columbia Street
San Augustine, Texas 75972
(936) 275 -5367

Sam Rayburn Project Office
Route 3 Box 486
Jasper, Texas 75951
(409) 384-5716

Comment Period. The comment period for this action is 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. Please address any comments to Mr. Heath McLane, CESWF-PER-EE, Post Office Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300, or by e-mail at Heath.R.McLane@usace.army.mil. Hard or cd copies of the draft EA and FONSI may be requested in writing at the above address or by telephone at (817) 886-1849.

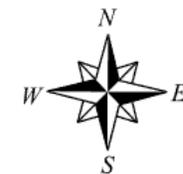
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Fickel, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

William Fickel, Jr.
Chief, Planning, Environmental,
And Regulatory Division



San Augustine County

 Study Site



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fort Worth District