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August 15, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public Comment Period Extension

NEW COMMENT DEADLINE: August 30, 2024

Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Integrated Report/Environmental Assessment (IR/EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, for the Disposition Study, Multiple Waterways, Coastal Georgia. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District (Corps) evaluated two alternatives, including the No Action Alternative (NAA) and Action Alternative to deauthorize nine waterways in Coastal Georgia that no longer meet Congressionally authorized purposes and do not provide national security needs. Those waterways include the Altamaha River, Bellville Point Harbor, Darien Harbor, Fancy Bluff Creek, Ocmulgee River, Oconee River, Sapelo Harbor, Satilla River, and St. Marys River.

Public Comment Period Extension: The Corps is pleased to provide the Draft IR/EA and FONSI for public comment. The public comment period has been extended to midnight August 30, 2024.

Consideration of Public Comments: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Native American Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed action. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps in its deliberations on this action.

To support informed decision-making, the Corps is requesting the public to provide comments identifying specific waterways and reaches of concern, commercial use of those waterways, and detailed issues or concerns related to conditions of the identified waterways.

Please also submit any data, studies, reports, or other information relevant to the actions covered in the Draft IR/EA as part of your public comment.

Comment Submittal:

Public comments may be submitted via email at CESAS-planning@usace.army.mil, by 11:59PM August 30, 2024.

Comments may also be submitted via mail to the address below. Mailed comments must be postmarked by August 30, 2024.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District Attn: Planning Branch, CESAS-PMP 100 West Oglethorpe Ave Savannah, GA 31401

Please include "Disposition Study Draft IR/EA" in the subject line.

All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act, including any personally identifiable information such as name, phone numbers, and addresses.

Should no response be received by the above expiration date, a "no comment" response will be assumed.

Document Availability:

The documents can be downloaded from the Corps website at https://www.sas.usace.army.mil/About/Divisions-and-Offices/Planning-Division/Plans-and-Reports/. Copies may also be obtained through email request to the following address: CESAS-planning@usace.army.mil.

The Public Comment Period Closes August 30, 2024.

Questions may be directed to CESAS-Planning@usace.army.mil.

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