



Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**
Pittsburgh District

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Notice No. below

US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 2006-2113

Date: December 5, 2007

Notice No. 07- 57

Closing Date: December 20, 2007

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).
2. APPLICANT: West Virginia Army National Guard
Camp Dawson Army Training
240 Army Road
Kingwood, West Virginia 26537
3. LOCATION: in unnamed tributaries to Joe's Run and wetlands, Portland District, in Kingwood, Preston County, West Virginia.
4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant is proposing to construct a live-fire training area in the Briery Mountain Training Area to meet weapons training Standards in Training Commission (STRAC) criteria. Five culverts would be placed in the unnamed tributaries: two culverts would be placed for an access road (one 115 linear feet and one 130 linear feet), two would be for a service road (one 100 linear feet and the other 115 linear feet) and one culvert (50 linear feet) would be for a target emplacement. Additionally, 0.05 acre of palustrine emergent wetland will be impacted for the construction of the firing range. Stream mitigation is proposed within the Cheat River watershed. Drawings of the proposed project are attached to this notice.
5. WEST VIRGINIA CERTIFICATION: This permit decision will not be made until the State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), issues, denies, or waives State Certification. This public notice does not serve as application to the WVDEP for certification required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The applicant must apply directly to the WVDEP for individual water quality certification. The WVDEP will also consider whether or not the proposed activity will comply with Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, 307 of the Clean Water Act or any other appropriate State laws. Any person wishing to comment, provide

information, and/or request a public hearing concerning certification for this project should write to the:

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
401 Certification Program
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, West Virginia 25304
Telephone: 304-926-0499 ext. 1613

Re: Public Notice CELRP-OP-F No. 07-57

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Mist net surveys were conducted and no federally listed bats were captured. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).
7. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: A Phase I archaeological survey was performed and no sites were identified within the project area. The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).
8. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.
9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership

and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

10. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Nancy Mullen, at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7170, or by e-mail at Nancy.J.Mullen@lrp02.usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 2006-2113 in all responses.

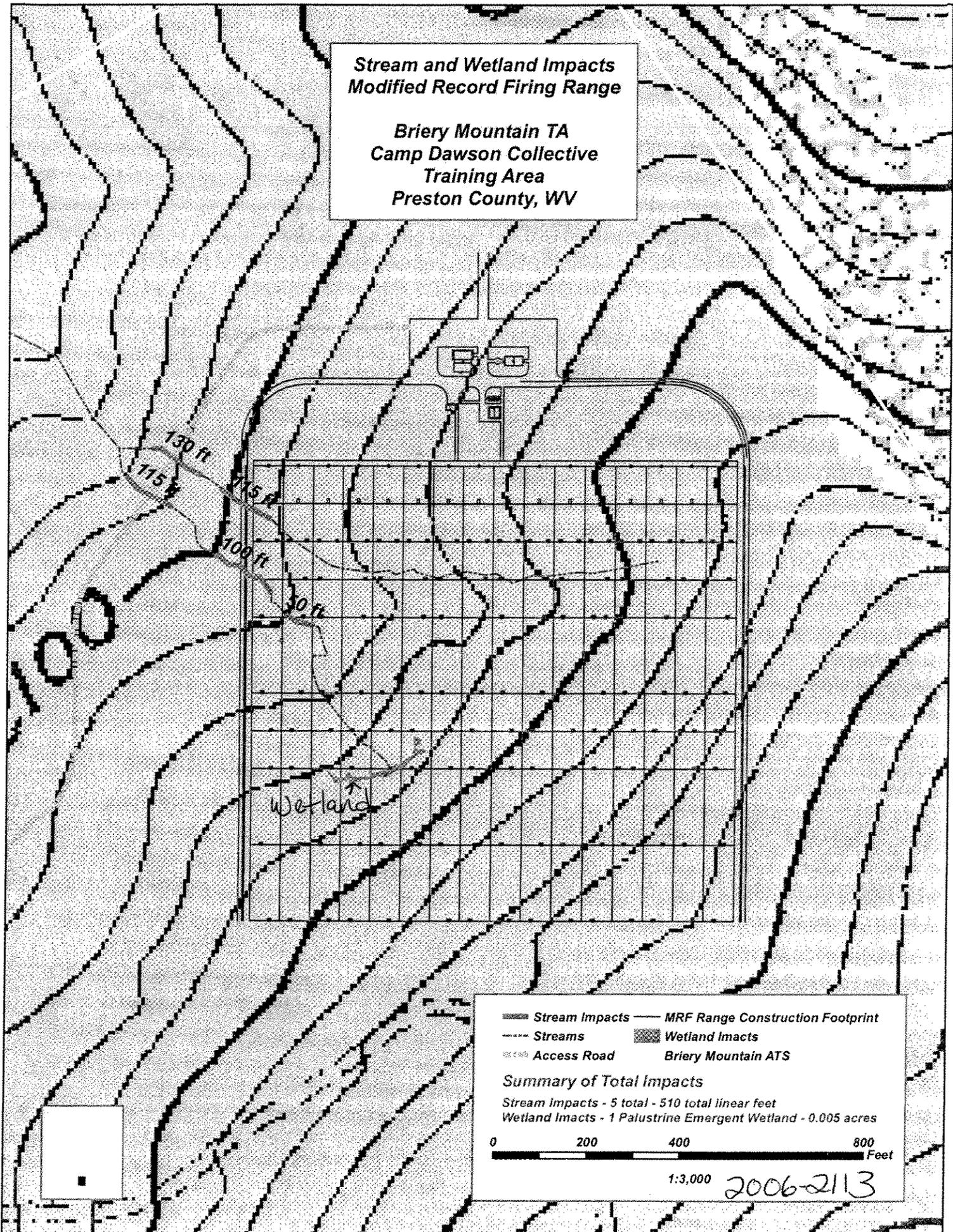
FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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Scott A. Hans
Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch

**Stream and Wetland Impacts
Modified Record Firing Range**

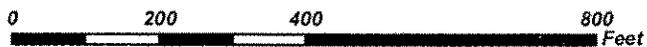
**Briery Mountain TA
Camp Dawson Collective
Training Area
Preston County, WV**



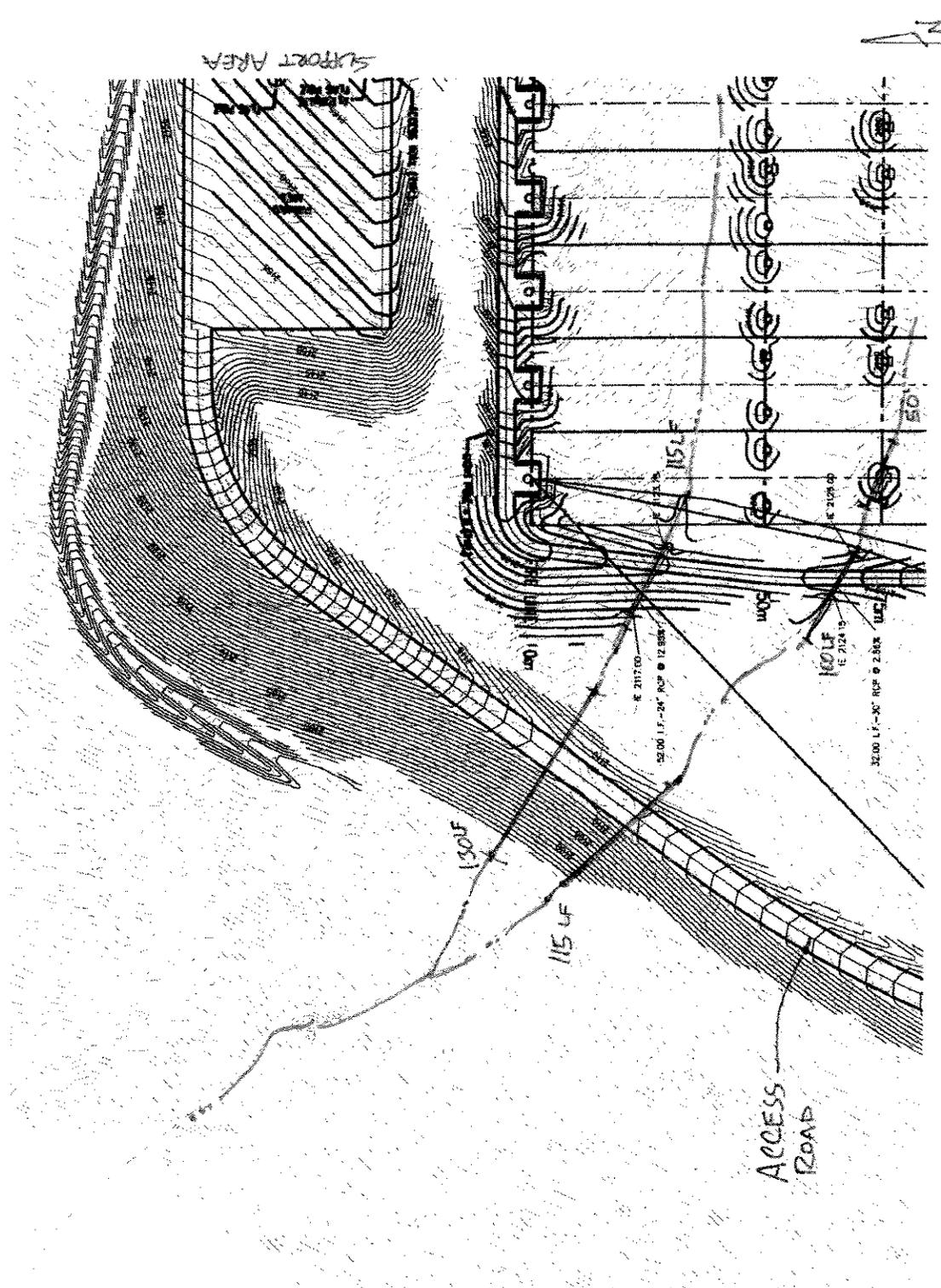
- Stream Impacts
- Streams
- Access Road
- MRF Range Construction Footprint
- Wetland Impacts
- Briery Mountain ATS

Summary of Total Impacts

Stream Impacts - 5 total - 510 total linear feet
Wetland Impacts - 1 Palustrine Emergent Wetland - 0.005 acres



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5 STREAM IMPACTS = 510 LF DISTURBED

STREAM DISTURBANCE

CAMP DAWSON MRR

2006-2113 1"=100'