Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Pittsburgh District

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

Application No. 1997-1984 Date: January 29, 2013

Notice No. 13-07 Closing Date: March 2, 2013

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.

2. APPLICANT: Mr. Mike Mumau
Park Operations Manager
PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
Laurel Hill State Park Complex

3. LOCATION: Kooser State Park, Kooser Run Dam, Jefferson Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to dredge approximately 4 acres of Kooser Run Dam to historic contours. The lake will first be drawn down prior to dredging. Excavators and dump trucks will be used to haul sediment away. Approximately 16,000 to 19,000 cubic yards of sediment will be removed from the lake and disposed of in an upland area at Laurel Hill State Park. A temporary channel will be created along the southern bank of Kooser lake after the lake has been breached to protect stream flow. No other streams or wetlands will be impacted within the proposed dredging or disposal areas. Drawings of the proposed dock are attached to this notice.

5. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: A chapter 105 permit has been waived; however, 401 Water Quality Certification will be issued from the:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 8460
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8460

Telephone: 717-772-5959

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. 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: 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.

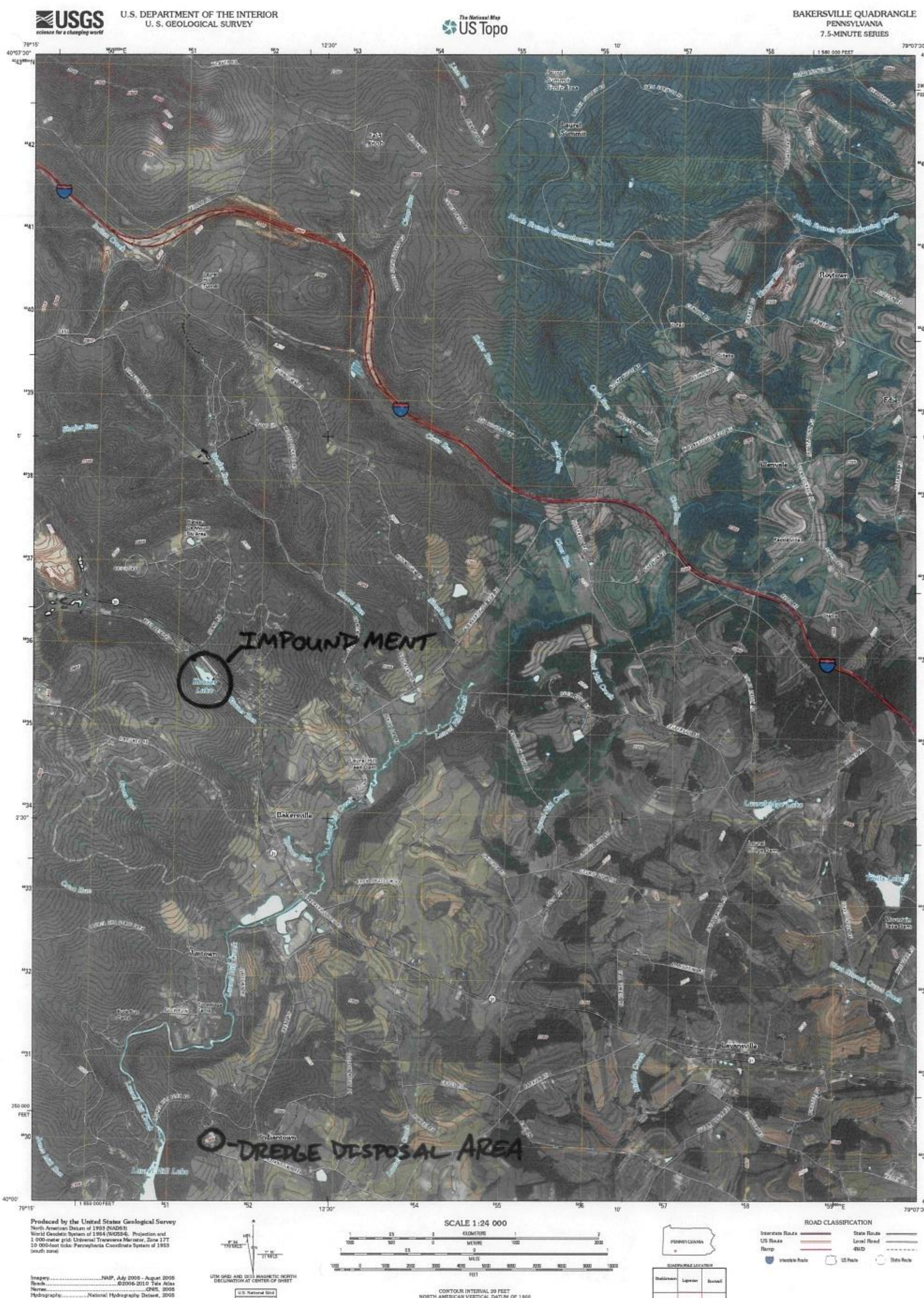
9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect 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 Donald Bole at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7576, or by e-mail at Donald.R.Bole@usace.army.mil Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 1997-1984 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

/SIGNED/

Scott A. Hans
Chief, Regulatory Branch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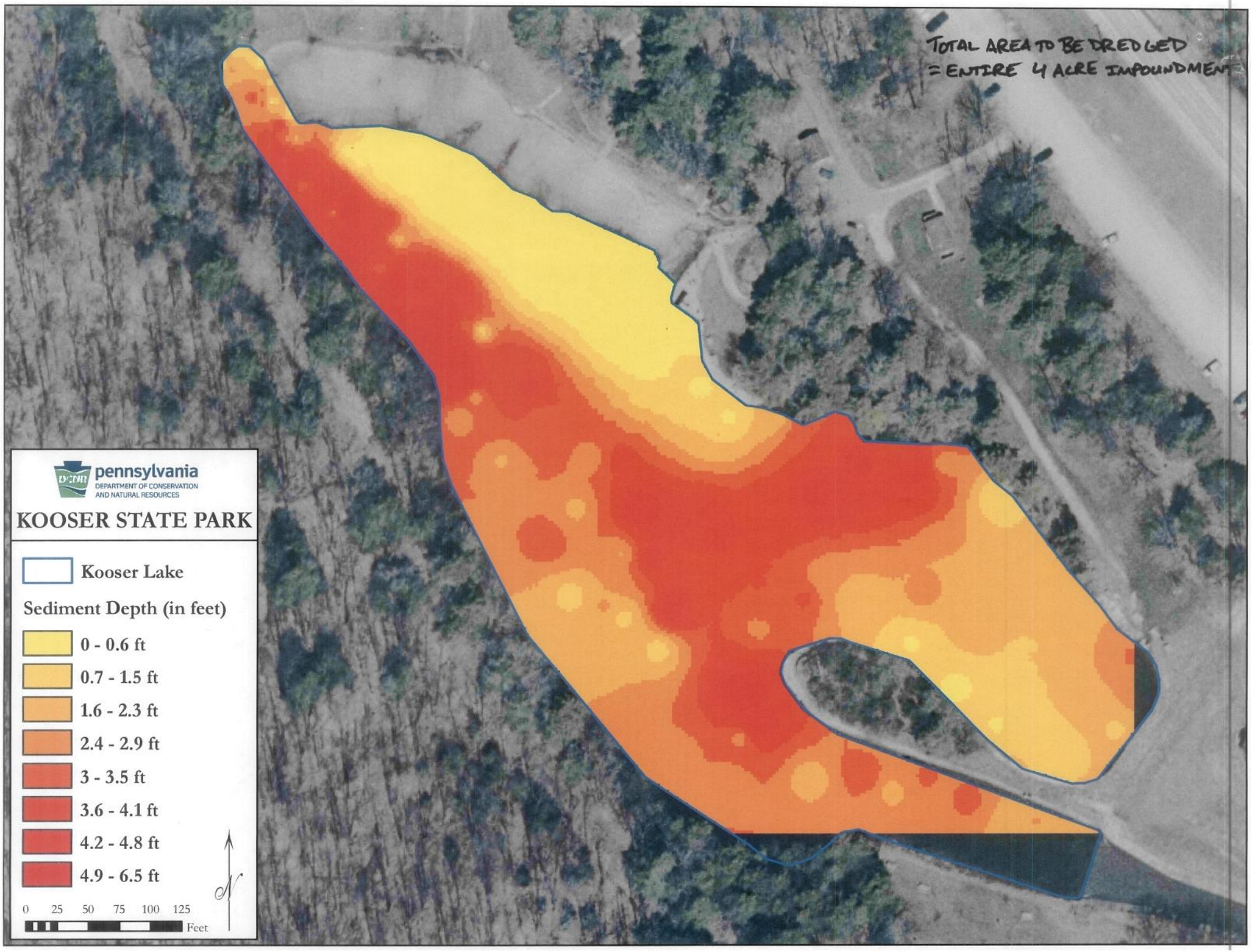
TOTAL AREA TO BE DREDGED
= ENTIRE 4 ACRE IMPOUNDMENT
pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KOOSER STATE PARK
Kooser Lake
Sediment Depth (in feet)
0 - 0.6 ft
0.7 - 1.5 ft
1.6 - 2.3 ft
2.4 - 2.9 ft
3 - 3.5 ft
3.6 - 4.1 ft
4.2 - 4.8 ft
4.9 - 6.5 ft
0 25 50 75 100 125
Feet
N

Dredge Disposal Site

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Scale 1:1,000

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Feet

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