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Application #: MVN-2021-00925-CF

PUBLIC NOTICE

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

PROPOSED CAMP ALONG LA HWY 1 in LAFOURCHE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Kristie Richie Allen c/o D&S Environmental Services, Inc., P.O. Box 510, French Settlement, LA 70733, Attn: David Templet, Jr.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located adjacent to Bayou Lafourche and LA Hwy 1, in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, Lattitude 29.278381, Longitude -90.228253,, as shown within the attached drawings. (Hydrologic Unit Code 08090302, Terrebonne Basin).

<u>CHARACTER OF WORK:</u> applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to clear, grade, excavate and deposit fill and/or aggregate material to construct and maintain a camp to include a house pad, driveway, elevated walkway, boat dock, and sewer treatment plant. Approximately 2,968 cubic yards of fill material would be hauled in and deposited in wetlands to achieve required grade elevation requirements. The proposed project will impact 0.60 acre of wetlands and 0.20 acre of other waters. It is anticipated that the proposed action would have minimal impact on adjacent wetlands with required best management practices to reduce runoff and erosion.

<u>MITIGATION</u>: The applicant proposes to avoid direct impacts and minimize secondary impacts (to wetlands) to the maximum extent practicable. For compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to use a Corps approved mitigation bank within the watershed of impact.

The comment period on the requested Department of the Army Permit will close 20 days from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit request, and must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the Applicant's Name and the Permit Application Number and can be preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineer's project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, Zachary Steinkoenig. Individuals or parties may also request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by mail or preferably by emailing the specified project manager listed above. Any request for an extension of time to comment must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Branch Chief will review the request and the requester will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous and inclusive of the initial comment period and will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days. This public notice is also available for review online at https://go.usa.gov/xennJ

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, 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 proposal 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, floodplain 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 U.S. Army 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, 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 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 need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Further, all factors that may be

relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the potential cumulative effects associated with the proposed project.

The New Orleans District is presently unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places at or near the proposed work but is pending further review in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. As deemed necessary, copies of this public notice will be sent to the State Archeologist, State Historic Preservation Officer, and federally listed tribes regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Based on the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), it has been determined that the project would have not likely adversely affect (NLAA) the west Indian manatee and may affect (MA) the eastern black rail. Consultation with the USFWS has been initiated for the determination effects and species above.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction, alteration, and/or disturbance of 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the LA Department of Environmental Quality before a Department of the Army permit is issued.

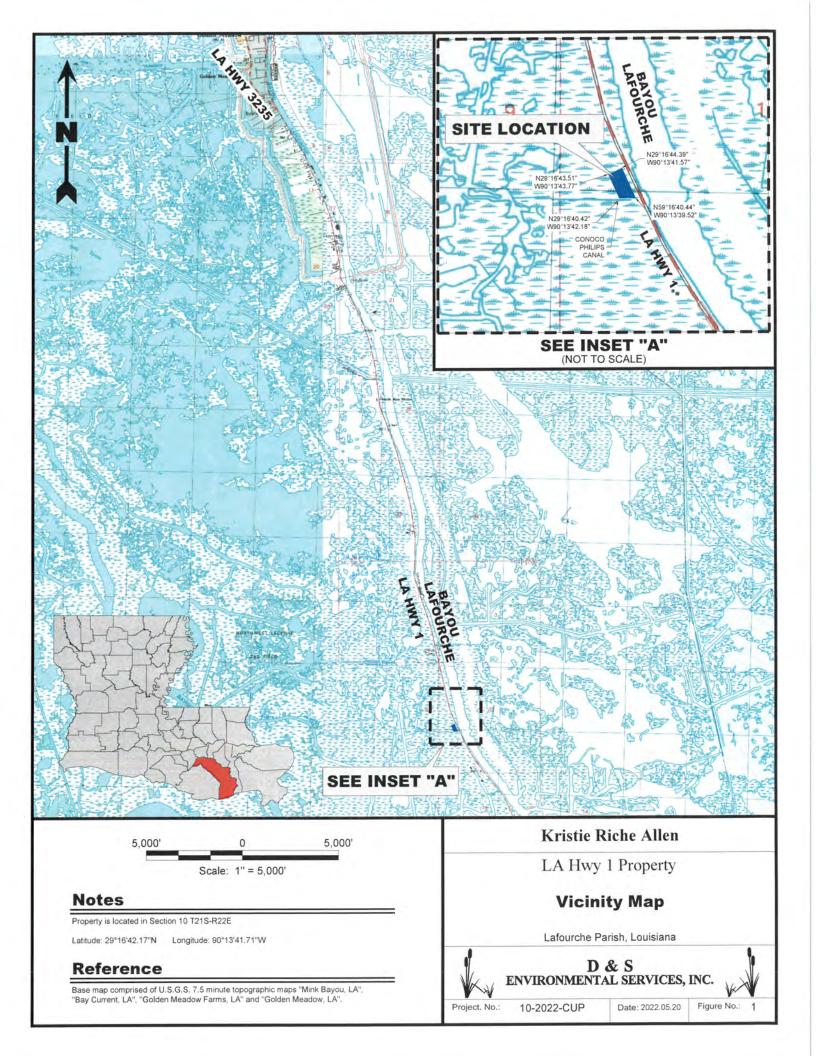
Any person may request, (preferably by email to the project manager, or in writing), within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

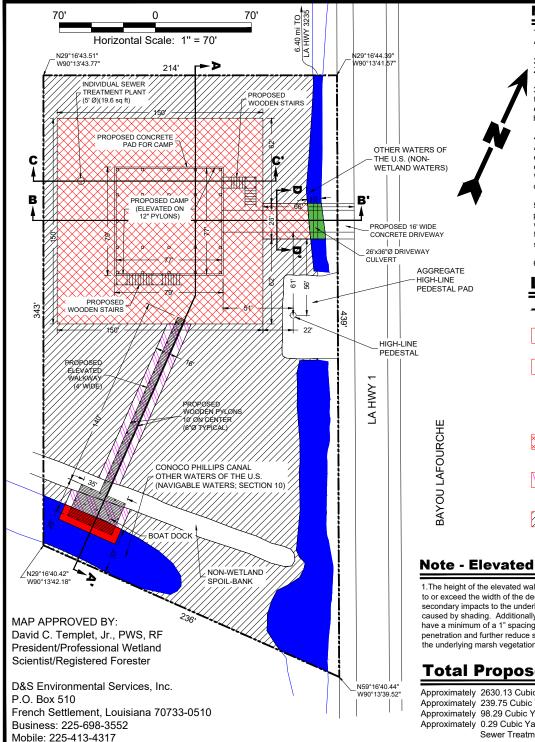
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program (Louisiana Coastal Zone Application P20220734). The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

You are invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

John M. Herman Chief, Central Evaluation Branch Regulatory Division

Enclosures





Notes

1. Jurisdictional Wetlands and Other Waters of the US obtained from existing U.S.A.C.E Jurisdictional Determination Account Number MVN-2021-00925-ST.

2. According to F.E.M.A. F.I.R.M. Community Panel No. 225202 0725 C dated April 17, 1985 this site is situated in Flood Zone A13 (El 11 & 12) (Areas of 100-year flood; base flood elevations and flood hazard factors determined).

3. The camp and pertinent attachments thereof (stairs), camp access (driveway), elevated walkway, individual sewer treatment plant, etc. will be constructed with land-based equipment, such as bulldozer, back-hoe, etc. Construction of elevated walkway through Jurisdictional Wetlands will be accomplished with marsh tracked equipment with boom arm and hydraulic pile driving attachment. Exact work areas within all areas are depicted on Figure 7.

4. The proposed "Individual Sewer Treatment Plant" depicted on this sheet constitutes all project excavation activity. Additionally, this native excavated material (8.38 cubic yards) will be lawfully redistributed as on-site fill. However, this excavation activity is sighted in the legend as a fill activity because this is the ultimate nature of the impacted area. With exception to the aforementioned individual sewer treatment plant, no excavating or dredging will occur within Jurisdictional Wetlands. All remaining fill will be trucked in from a Parish certified dirt pit and to the best of our knowledge, free of contaminants.

5. BMP's will be utilized on-site during and after construction. Temporary silt fencing and/or hay bales, etc. will be utilized to prevent possible erosion and turbidity from the site during construction. The establishment of vegetation, such as reseeding, will be utilized in all disturbed soil areas not expected to revegetate in time to prevent erosion during construction. Further, the appropriate fertilizer/perennial mixture will be utilized in all areas on-site that exposed mineral soil will be a permanent surface, which will contain the sediment load and prevent excessive runoff or non-point source pollution.

6. All local, state and federal permits will be obtained prior to construction.

Legend

