

PUBLIC NOTICE

US-64 ROADWAY REALIGNMENT & BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS IMPACTS TO KEYSTONE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to reconstruct a portion of highway and replace a bridge over Ranch Creek on US Highway 64 (US-64), a portion of which traverses the Keystone Wildlife Management Area (KWMA). The US-64 road and bridge project begins 9.0 miles east of SH-18, and extends east 3.1 miles in Pawnee County, Oklahoma. A small portion of right-of-way within the KWMA will be required in order to reconstruct this highway and bridge. Due to the proposed transportation use of property located within the KWMA, Section 4(f) regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 apply to the project. Section 4(f) affords protection to publicly-owned recreation areas (resources) including city, state, and national parks, wildlife refuges or management areas, and historic sites.

ODOT has coordinated with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) with regard to avoidance and minimization of impacts of this project to the KWMA, and the ODWC and USACE are supportive of these measures. This will be accomplished in part by constructing the new highway and bridge on a slightly offset alignment to the south, one-half at a time to minimize impacts and right-of-way and maintain traffic on US-64 throughout construction. This allows for minimal use of property located within the KWMA and accommodates local traffic. ODOT is proposing to obtain approximately 0.36 acres of the 10,801 acre Keystone WMA, which constitutes less than 0.01 percent of the wildlife management area. The use of appropriate best management practices (including storm water, erosion and dust control, and chemical/fuel handling) will be conscientiously implemented.

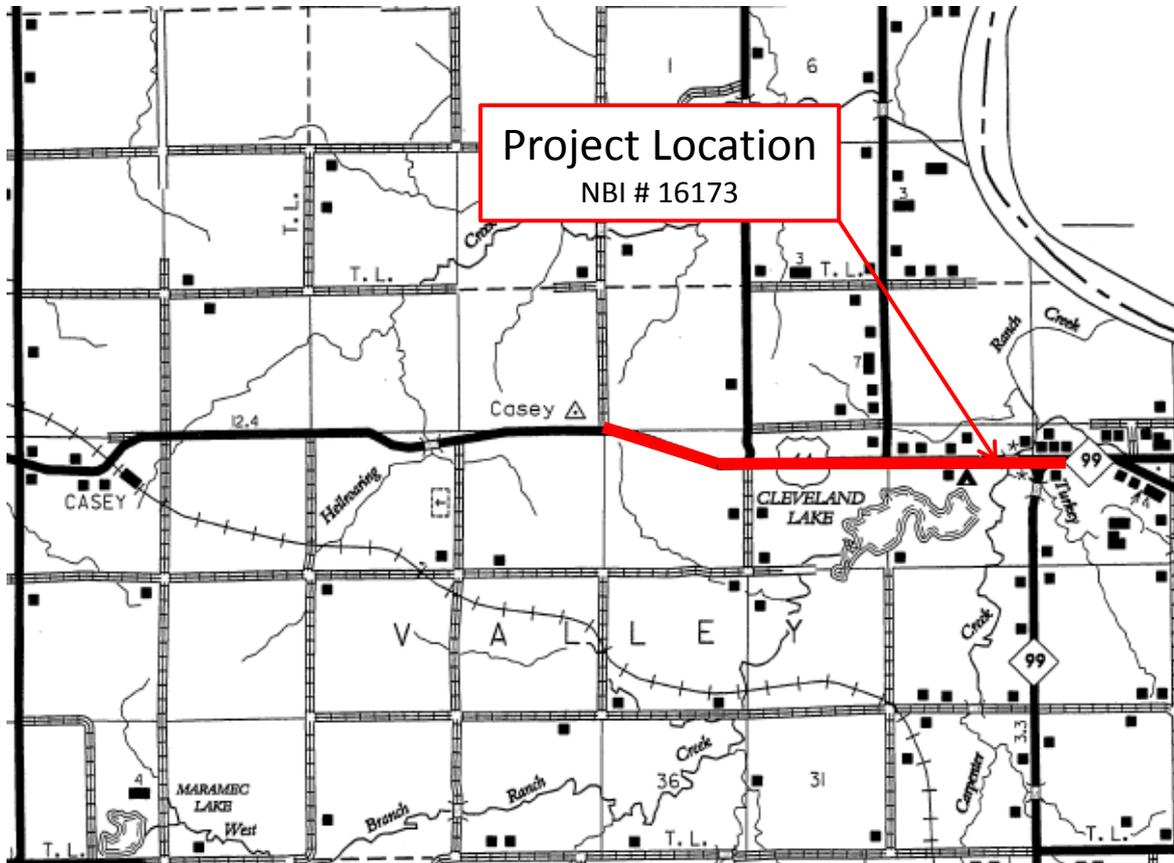
Based on the avoidance and minimization of impacts to the HWMA as described above, ODOT, in coordination with FHWA, are proposing a *de minimis* impact finding with regard to Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (1966). ODOT welcomes your comments on the effects of this project on the projected activities, features, and attributes of the HWMA (the Section 4(f) resource). Please mail or e-mail any comments you have by **October 14, 2013 to:**

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Grade, Drain, Bridge and Surface
from 9.0 miles east of SH-18,
extending east 3.1 miles