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**Public Notice**  
**Arkansas River Ecosystem Restoration Study, Tulsa County, Oklahoma**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District (Corps), in partnership with Tulsa County, is preparing an Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Arkansas River Ecosystem Restoration Study (Study) in Tulsa County, Oklahoma. Authorized by Congress in Section 3132 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, the study seeks to identify and evaluate measures to restore riverine and riparian ecological functions in the Arkansas River Corridor below Keystone Dam as identified in the 2005 Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan. Enclosed is a map of the study area.

Widely fluctuating flows associated with hydropower releases from Keystone dam have resulted in inadequate, inconsistent flows, scouring and lack of deposition contributing to the overall degradation of the Arkansas River below the dam. Several structural and non-structural ecosystem restoration measures are currently being considered as part of the on-going study. These measures include, but are not limited to, a low water dam / pooling structure, rock riffle structures, riparian plantings, and least tern islands. An EA, pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508 and USACE Engineering Regulation 200-2-2), will be prepared to describe the project alternatives and the affected environment, as well as analyze the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the action alternatives.

Our office would like to solicit any input you may have within the proposed study area to assist us as we progress through the NEPA process. We look forward to receiving your comments as we move forward. Please address any comments to Mr. Charles McGregor, Jr., Chief, Inland & Reimbursable Section, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300 or [Charles.McGregor@usace.army.mil](mailto:Charles.McGregor@usace.army.mil). Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Sims".

Douglas Sims  
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Enclosure