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PURPOSE

The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested and to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest.

SECTION 10

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress through Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) to regulate all work or structures in or affecting the course, condition, or capacity of navigable waters of the United States. The intent of this law is to protect the navigable capacity of waters important to interstate commerce.

SECTION 404

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress through Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) to regulate the discharges of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States. These waters include lakes, rivers, streams, mudflats, sandflats, sloughs, wet meadows, natural ponds, and wetlands adjacent to other waters. The intent of the law is to protect these waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical, and biological integrity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE DEEP FORK MITIGATION BANK (MB) NOW ACTIVE IN OKLAHOMA

On February 27, 2017, the Corps of Engineers approved the Deep Fork Mitigation Bank for use within the State of Oklahoma. The Primary Service Areas for the Deep Fork MB will be available in the following HUC watersheds: 11100303 (Deep Fork) and 11100302 (Lower North Canadian); the Secondary Service Areas for the Deep Fork MB will be available in the following HUC watersheds: 11090203 (Little River), 11110101 (Polecat-Snake Watershed), 11110102 (Dirty-Greenleaf Watershed, located west of the Arkansas River), 11100301 (Middle North Canadian Watershed), and 11050002 (Lower Cimarron-Skeleton Watershed). For additional information, concerning the Deep Fork MB the following website is available:

http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Mitigation.aspx.

The goal of the MB Program is to satisfy the compensatory mitigation requirements of permits issued under Section 404 and/or 401 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 by creating a centralized mitigation bank project site in the State of Oklahoma. The natural resources goal of the program will be to restore, establish, enhance, and preserve jurisdictional streams, wetlands, riparian areas, lakes, and ponds. These activities will improve and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of Oklahoma's aquatic resources.

Upon the issuance of Department of the Army permit authorizations, the Deep Fork MB will be able to collect funds for MB projects. The staff and contractors for Green Country Wetland Mitigation, L.L.C. will carry out program operations.

For additional information on other MB or In-lieu Fee sites visit the Regulatory In-lieu Fee and Bank Information Tracking System (RIBITS) at www.ribits.usace.army.mil.

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