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Portland District

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

**WYETH TREATY FISHING ACCESS SITE
HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OREGON**

30 Day Notice

CENWP-PM-E-10-01

Issue Date: October 7, 2009

Expiration Date: November 6, 2009

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, proposes to construct the Wyeth treaty fishing access site as part of the Columbia River Fishing Access Sites program, the purpose of which is to mitigate for lost Native American fishing access sites lost as a result of the construction of Bonneville Dam. The proposed site is located along the south shore of the Columbia River about 6 miles east of Cascade Locks, OR. Access to the Wyeth site will be provided by an extension of Wyeth Road that currently terminates just north of Interstate 84. The entrance road will extend to the proposed fishing access site where a parking area will be constructed. A bridge will be constructed over the existing railroad tracks. A campground will be constructed that accommodates six camping areas and parking for six vehicles with boat trailers. A sanitary vault toilet, fish cleaning station, fishing net repair area, and picnic tables will also be provided. In-water work includes construction of a boat ramp, three detached (from the shore) rubble mound breakwaters to reduce wind/wave action and provide a safe harbor area, and dredging for the safe harbor area to provide a navigation channel to the Columbia River. The proposed site will be built in phases with the bridge work scheduled for March 2010 to November 2010 and all other work from November 2010 to March 2011. All construction and staging of the project will be within the State of Oregon and is being coordinated with the State and Federal fish and wildlife agencies.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations [Federal Register 40 CFR 1508.9(a)], a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared. At the end of the 30-day public comment period, the Corps will consider all comments received and make a determination of the significance of impacts resulting from the proposed action.

Environmental Document: A draft Environmental Assessment addressing the impacts associated with the activity is available at https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pm/e/en_plan_assess.asp.

State Water Quality Certification: Pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, a State Water Quality Certification has been requested from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972: Not Applicable.

Additional Information and Comments: Questions or comments regarding the draft EA should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Schneider, Environmental Resources Branch, telephone (503) 808-4770, or via email at Carolyn.B.Schneider@usace.army.mil or at the address below. Mailed comments on this notice must be postmarked by the above closing date and sent to:

District Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer District, Portland
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P.O. Box 2946
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In your response, please refer to the above public notice number, title and date.
Should no response be received by the above closing date, a "no comment" response will be assumed.