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Joint Public Notice Notice of Proposed Rood Ranch Wetland Mitigation Bank, Coos County, Oregon

Issue Date: July 17, 2008
Closing Date: August 18, 2008
Corps File Number: NWP-2008-328
DSL application # 41104

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps) and the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) are considering a proposal to establish a 54.17-acre wetland mitigation bank. The proposed bank site is located at 94542 and 94540 Willanch Lane, in North Bend, in Coos County, Oregon (Figure 1). The bank site is located in Township 25 South, Range 12 West, and Section 18. The bank sponsor, Jerald Humbert, proposes to conduct mitigation by creating, restoring, and enhancing wetlands. The bank sponsor also proposes to enhance Willanch Creek. A Prospectus describing the proposed bank has been received from the bank sponsor and is now available for public review.

This wetland mitigation bank is proposed by the bank sponsors primarily as a means to meet the requirements for compensatory mitigation for projects which may be permitted by the Corps under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and by the DSL in implementing the provisions of Oregon's Removal-Fill Law (ORS 196.800 - 196.990) and according to Rules for Issuance and Enforcement of Removal and Fill Permits (OAR 141-85-005 to OAR 141-85-660), and OAR 141-85-400 to OAR 141-85-445, Administrative Rules for Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Banking. The bank sponsors would sell wetland credits to various parties to meet their obligations under the "no net loss of wetlands" policies of these federal and state regulations.

The proposed bank will generate wetland credits by converting pasture grass land to native wetland species. This would be accomplished by increasing hydrology on the site and encouraging native hydrophytic vegetation. The proposed mitigation plan involves removing the manmade drainage system, grading the site to remove mounds and create shallow depressions, restoring the tributary channels, removing portions of the dike along the creek, planting a riparian zone and creating off-channel habitat for fish.

The proposed service area, which is the area within which the mitigation credits generated by the bank may be used, consists of the southern Oregon coastal area 4th Field Hydrologic Unit 17100304 (Figure 2).

Comments received in response to this Notice will be provided to the bank sponsor and to the federal, state and local agencies represented on the Interagency Review Team. This team will work with the bank sponsors to create a detailed bank Instrument and legal agreement that will specify the

ecological goals of the project, grading and planting plans, monitoring, maintenance, and the number and schedule of wetland credits to be made available when performance criteria have been met.

The prospectus, which outlines the conceptual plan for this bank, is available for inspection at the Corps and the DSL at the addresses given below. It has been posted along with Coos County Removal-Fill permit applications on the DSL website: www.statelandsonline.com/. Comments on this proposed mitigation bank may be submitted to either the Corps or the DSL online or at the addresses below. Comments should be received no later than August 18, 2008.

Please provide comments to:

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Site Location Map

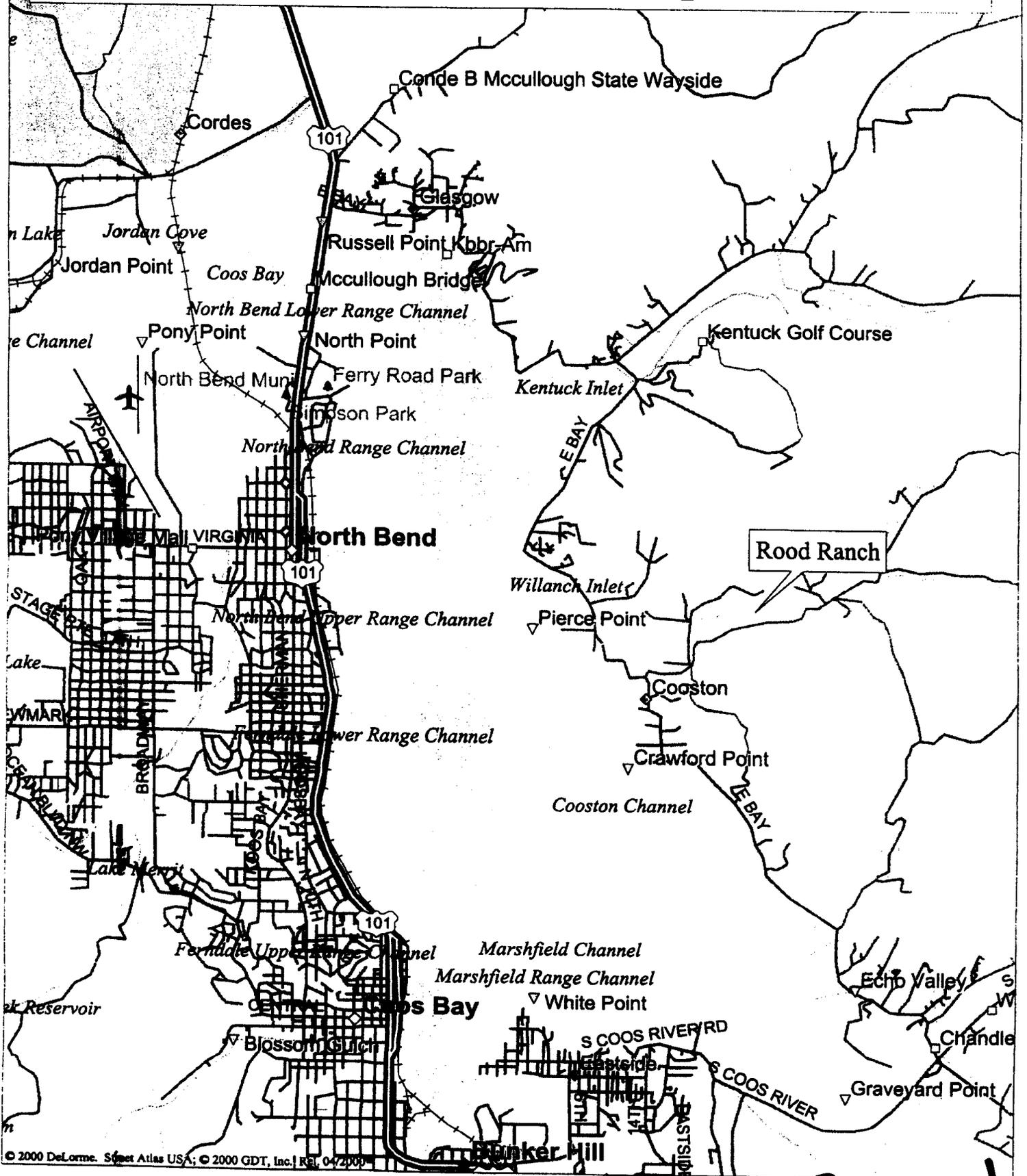


Figure 1

HYDROLOGIC UNIT CODE MAP
 OF AREA TO BE SERVICED BY
 THE PROPOSED ROOD RANCH
 WETLAND MITIGATION BANK

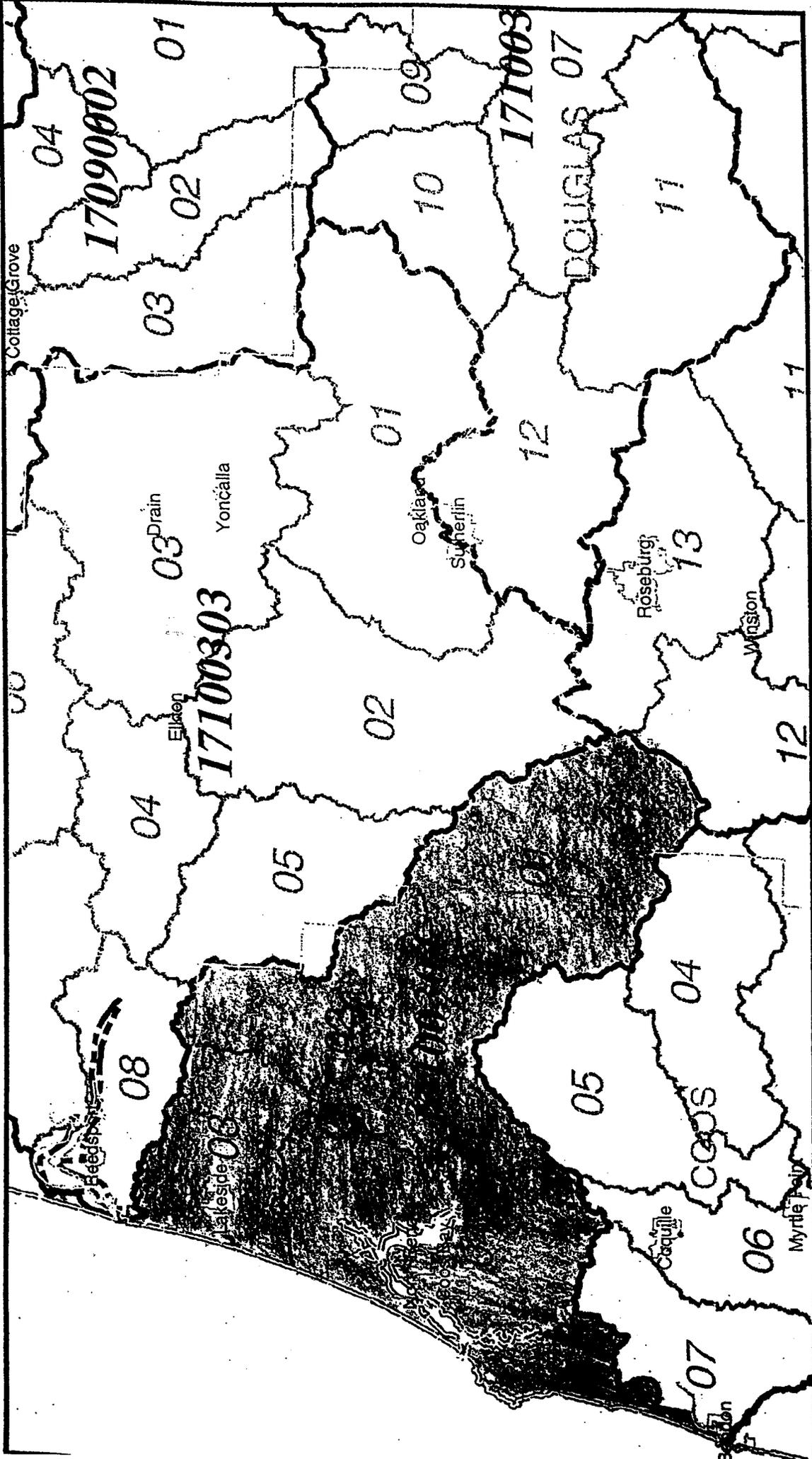


FIGURE 4
 HUC MAP
 4th HUC - dark lines
 8th HUC - light lines

Figure 2