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Joint Public Notice

Proposed Wetland Mitigation and Conservation Bank

Camas Prairie/Fred Allen Wetland Mitigation and Conservation Bank Benton County, Oregon

30 Day Notice

Issue Date: November 13, 2008

Closing Date: December 15, 2008

Corps Application No.: NWP 2008-676

DSL Application No.: 41611

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps), the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) are considering a proposal to establish a wetland mitigation and/or conservation bank. The proposed bank is located along Muddy Creek approximately 5 miles south of Corvallis, Oregon and 4 miles north of Finley Wildlife Refuge in Section 32, Township 12S, Range 5W, 123° 19' 37" W, 44° 29' 10" N (Figure 1). A prospectus describing the proposed bank has been received from the bank sponsor, Wildlands, Inc.

This wetland mitigation bank is being proposed by the bank sponsor as a means to meet the requirements for compensatory mitigation for future and as yet unknown wetland losses which may be permitted by the Corps under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and by DSL in implementing the provisions of Oregon's Removal-Fill Law (ORS 196.800 - 196.990) and associated state administrative rules. The bank is also being proposed as a means to meet Endangered Species Act (ESA) requirements for future and as yet unknown impacts to Federal listed species per USFWS authorities and responsibilities as follows: Federal Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 et seq.); USFWS Guidance on Conservation Banking: 68 FR 24753; Species Recovery Plans; and Habitat Conservation Plans.

Approximately a third of the 103-acre Bank site supports degraded wet prairie and an important population of the federally endangered Willamette daisy (*Erigeron decumbens* var. *decumbens*). This site also supports a number of other federally and state listed plant species and contains designated Critical Habitat for the Willamette daisy. Muddy Creek supports Upper Willamette River Spring Chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), a threatened species under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service. Also present is a small terrace of upland prairie, a riparian corridor dominated by Oregon oak (*Quercus garryana*) and Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*), and a segment of Muddy Creek.

The USFWS has established a regional goal to protect a continuous corridor of conservation lands from Finley Wildlife Refuge to the Willamette River near Corvallis, and establishment of this Bank would advance this goal.

The sponsor is proposing to generate mitigation credits by: 1) the enhancement of wet prairie by removing and controlling reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and re-contouring to improve hydrology and rare plant habitat, 2) enhancement of pockets of wetland habitat within the Muddy Creek corridor by removing and treating invasive plant species and creating off-channel habitat for federally endangered Oregon chub (*Oregonichthys crameri*), 3) preservation of the Muddy Creek riparian corridor, and 4) permanently protecting the site and establish an endowment fund for long-term management.

The service area, which is the area within which the mitigation credits generated by the bank may be used, is proposed by the bank sponsor to consist of the Upper Willamette 8-digit Hydrological Unit Code (HUC) subbasin 17090003 (Figure 2).

During the 30-day review period beginning with this notice, the Corps, DSL, and USFWS will assemble an Interagency Review Team (IRT) composed of representatives of federal, state and local agencies. The IRT will meet periodically to assist in the development of the Mitigation and Conservation Bank Instrument for the proposed bank.

The Prospectus is available at the Corps, DSL, and at the USFWS Portland Office at the addresses given below. The Prospectus is also posted along with Benton County Removal-Fill permit applications on the Department website: www.statelandsonline.com/.

Comments on this proposed mitigation bank may be submitted to either the Corps, the USFWS, or to DSL via the above website, or at the addresses below. Comments should be received no later than the expiration date of this public notice.

Please provide comments to:

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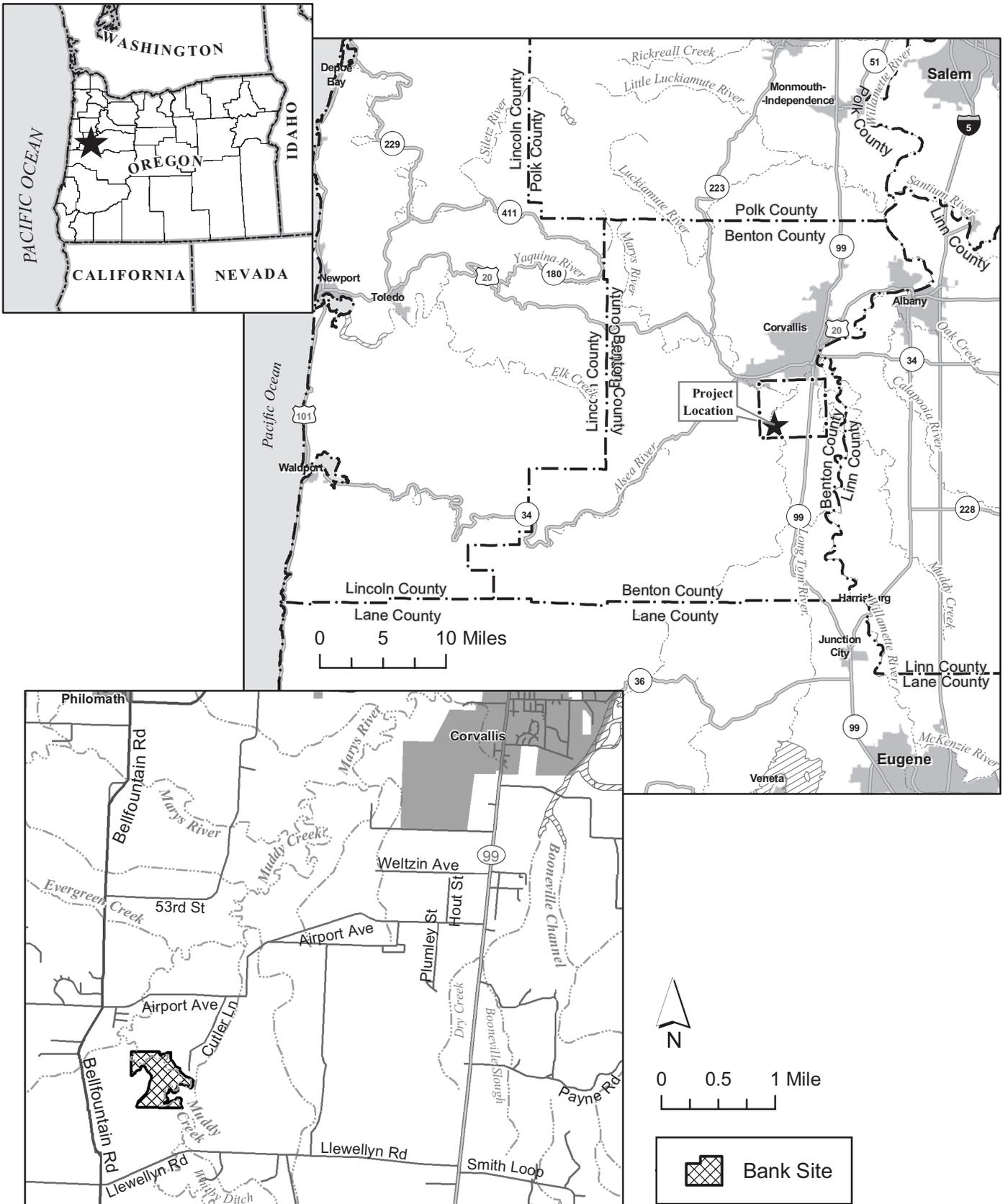


Figure 1

Regional Vicinity



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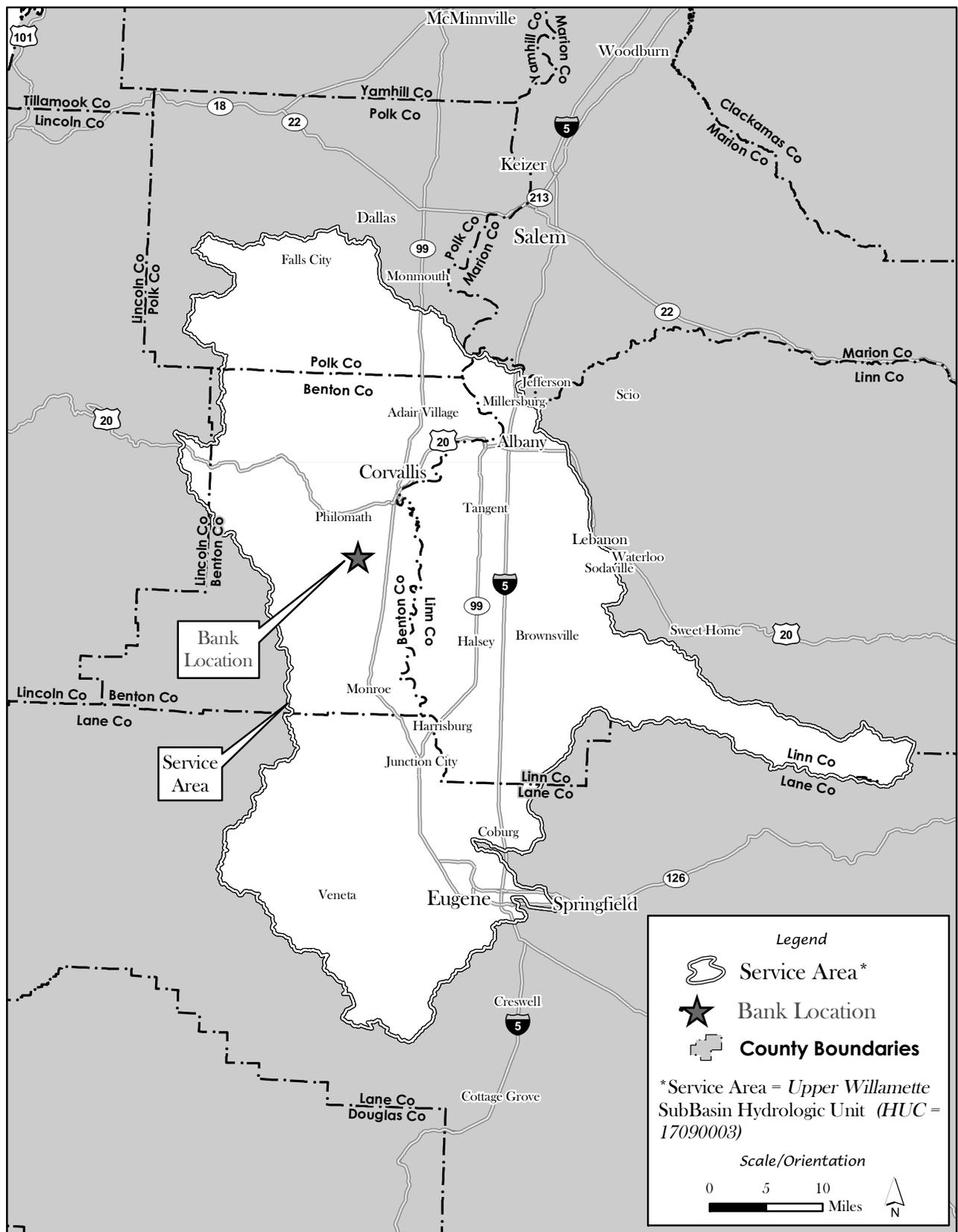


Figure 2



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Service Area

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