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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### PIPER CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT COTTAGE GROVE LAKE WILLAMETTE VALLEY PROJECTS LANE COUNTY, OREGON CENWP-PM-E-08-04

Issue Date: May 30, 2008  
Expiration Date: June 29, 2008

### 30 Day Notice

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Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District proposes to implement stream restoration and riparian habitat improvements on Piper Creek, Cottage Grove Lake, Oregon. The proposed action is intended to improve fisheries access in Piper Creek and to restore riparian habitat conditions along the stream to benefit fish and wildlife resources.

In accord with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations [Federal Register, 40 C.F.R. 1508.9(a)], a draft EA is prepared by a federal agency when a proposed action is not covered by a categorical exclusion or otherwise exempt from NEPA. Federal agencies use the EA to determine whether the proposed action has the potential to cause significant environmental effects.

This draft Piper Creek Restoration EA has been prepared to ensure that NEPA compliance measures are addressed. Completion of this EA will involve consideration of all public comments. Upon completion of the EA, the Corps will make a determination of significance that will either lead to the preparation of a Finding of No Significance or the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement if the impact is significant.

**Environmental Documents:** The draft EA addressing the impacts associated with the activity can be viewed on the web at [https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pm/e/en\\_plan\\_assess.asp](https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pm/e/en_plan_assess.asp).

**State Water Quality Certification:** The proposed action is in compliance with Section 404 (b) (1) of the Clean Water Act Evaluation under Nationwide Permit No. 27 which authorizes stream restoration actions. Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Nationwide Permit No. 27 is provided in a letter from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality dated July 18, 2007.

**Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972:** Not applicable.

**Additional Information and Comments:** Questions or comments regarding the enclosed document can be directed to Geoff Dorsey, Environmental Resources Branch, (503) 808-4769, or via e-mail at geoffrey.l.dorsey@usace.army.mil or at the address below. Mailed comments on this notice must be postmarked by the above closing date and sent to:

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In your response, please refer to the above public notice number, title and date.

Should no response be received postmarked by the above closing date, a “no comment” response will be assumed.