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Corps reviewing permit application for Fernan Lake Road highway project

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is reviewing an application for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States. The public notice regarding the permit application listed here was issued during the week of December 17, 2007.

Public Notice NWW 2007-1060-CO1, requested by the Federal Highway Administration, Western Federal Lands Highway Division, proposes a discharge of approximately 20,000 cubic yards of fill in 3.68 acres of Fernan Lake, Fernan Creek, unnamed tributaries and adjacent wetlands. Temporary fills for work access include 0.12 acres for bridge work and access to a waste site on the east side of Fernan Creek. Total permanent fill totals 3.56 acres.

The project is designed to maintain safe access to the Coeur d'Alene National Forests from the urban area of Coeur d'Alene that can handle projected traffic to the year 2026. The project is located along the west shore of Fernan Lake beginning near Fernan village extending 10.7 miles north toward Fernan Saddle in Kootenai County, Idaho. Comments must be received by January 18, 2008. A copy of the public notice may be found at www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/rf/pn/2007-1060.pdf.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state and local agencies, Native American tribes and other parties who may be interested in this permit request.

The Corps issues or denies permits for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and for structures or work in or affecting navigable waters of the U.S. under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

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