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Corps sets public hearing to gather input for pending regulatory permit decision

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public hearing Aug. 5 in Stanley, Idaho, to gather public input to include in its consideration of a regulatory permit application for proposed work in the wetlands along Valley Creek in Stanley, Idaho.

The hearing is set for 7 to 11 p.m. in the City of Stanley Community Building, located next to the City Office on Highway 21, immediately west of Highway 75.

The Hosac Company, Inc., submitted an application in February for a Department of the Army permit, proposing to discharge fill material into wetlands along Valley Creek to construct a residential subdivision. The Hosac Company, Inc., proposes to discharge fill material into approximately 1.8 acres of wetlands to construct house pads, roads, parking areas, buried utilities, and landscaping. The project is located in the wetlands adjacent to Valley Creek in Stanley, Custer County, Idaho. A copy of the public notice describing this project may be found at www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/rf/pn/2007-908.pdf.

The Corps of Engineers scheduled this public hearing to solicit additional comments from the public, federal, state and local agencies, Native American tribes and other interested parties on these permit requests. The Public Notice of Hearing can be viewed online at www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/rf/pn/2007-908_Public_Hearing.pdf for information about the proposed work and how the hearing will be conducted. All persons will be allowed to present oral or written statements for the record during this hearing – pre-registration as described in the Notice is encouraged. All persons may present written statements or other additional information prior to the comment due date of Aug. 22, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning the hearing, you may contact Robert Brochu at the Corps' Idaho Falls Regulatory Office at (208) 522-1645.

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 work in or affecting navigable waters of the U.S. under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

For more information on any public notice under consideration by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, please visit the Current Public Notices section on the Walla Walla District's website at www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/rf/rfhome.htm.

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