

US Army Corps of Engineers Portland District



Oregon Department of State Lands

## **Joint Public Notice**

## Notice of Wetland Mitigation Bank Instrument Approval

Vernal Pool Wetland Mitigation/Conservation Bank Jackson County, Oregon

> Issue Date: August 11, 2008 Corps File Number: NWP-2007-468

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps), and the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) have approved a wetland mitigation bank near White City, in Jackson County, Oregon; in Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 2 West (Figure 1). The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the bank sponsor.

A wetland mitigation bank is 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 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).

The primary goal of the bank is to protect and manage 80.23 acres of high functioning Agate Desert vernal pool (PEME/Flats) complex critical habitat and wetlands, including the restoration of wetland hydrology to approximately 3 acres of vernal pool wetlands. 20.95 credits may be generated from this bank.

The service area, which is the area within which the mitigation credits generated by the bank may be used, includes portions of the Rogue and Umpqua Basins within Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties (Figure 2).

A map of the service area and information on contacting the bank sponsor will be available on the DSL website: <a href="http://oregon.gov/DSL/PERMITS/mitbank">http://oregon.gov/DSL/PERMITS/mitbank</a> status.shtml.

The Mitigation Bank Review Team (MBRT), composed of representatives of federal, state and local agencies and other interested parties, assisted in the development of the Mitigation Bank Instrument for the proposed bank and will periodically review bank operations.

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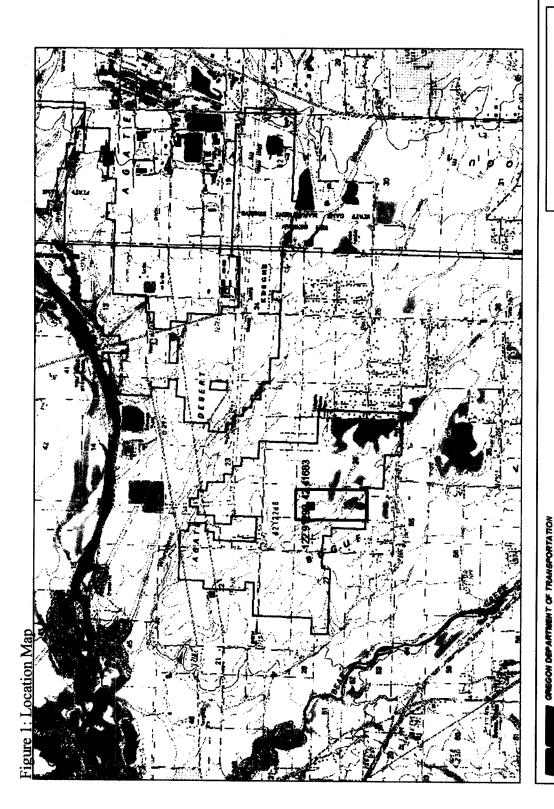
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Figure 2.
Service Area Map and Description

