

PUBLIC NOTICE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

US Army Corps of Engineers Portland District

FISH PASSAGE CORRIDOR ELK CREEK PROJECT JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

> CENWP-PM-E-07-05 Issue Date: January 16, 2008

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, proposes to remove part of Elk Creek Dam to provide a fish passage corridor. Elk Creek will also be returned to its original alignment and gradient along an approximately 5,000-foot section of stream. The Elk Creek Project is located on Elk Creek 1.7 miles above the confluence with the Rogue River. The project is approximately 26.5 miles northeast of Medford, Oregon in Jackson County. The proposed project will improve fish passage for federally-listed (threatened) coho salmon and other native fishes.

Environmental Documents: A draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) addressing the impacts associated with the current activity was circulated for public review and comment on October 5, 2007. Approximately, 300 comments were received, the majority of which supported the proposed action. All comments received were reviewed and considered. A final SEA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) were prepared and are available on the Corps website at www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pm/e

State Water Quality Certification: Pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, the State of Oregon, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued a water quality certificate for this project dated January 14, 2002. The DEQ certifies that this project complies with the Clean Water Act and state water quality standards.

<u>Additional Information and Comments:</u> Questions or comments regarding the environmental documents should be directed to Mr. Kim Larson, Environmental Resources Branch, telephone (503) 808-4776, or at the address below.

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