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Special Public Notice 2003-09 United States Army Alaska Proposed Danger Zone Tanana River

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE ACTION DESCRIBED BELOW. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE REQUESTED ACTION WILL BE GRANTED.

The Alaska District has received a request from the United States Army Alaska located at Fort Richardson, Alaska for the establishment of a danger zone in the waters of the Tanana River near Fort Wainwright, Alaska as described below:

APPLICANT: Commanding Officer, United States Army Alaska, 600 Richardson Drive #5000, Fort Richardson, Alaska 99505-5000. Point of Contact: Mr. David Patterson, Fort Wainwright Range Manager (907) 353-1242.

LOCATION: Tanana River where it crosses the down range area of the Fort Wainwright Small Arms Complex, near Fairbanks, Alaska.

AUTHORITY: 40 Stat. 266; (U.S.C. 1) and 40 Stat. 892; (33 U.S.C. 3)

ACTION: The United States Army Alaska has requested the establishment of a danger zone along a portion of the Tanana River down range from the Fort Wainwright Small Arms Complex, Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The danger zone is proposed to protect the public from risk of injury during live fire training. The danger zone would measure approximately 17,870' feet along the northern shoreline; 18,024' along the southern shoreline and extend the entire width of the Tanana River (refer to attached mapping).

Proposed danger zone: The waters within an area beginning at latitude 64° 79' 37"N, longitude 147° 66' 50"W; thence southerly to latitude 64° 77' 98"N, longitude 147° 66' 64"W; thence easterly along the shore line to latitude 64° 76' 33"N, longitude 147° 57' 42"W, thence northerly to latitude 64° 78' 21"N, longitude 147° 57' 46"W; thence westerly along the shorelines to the point of origin.

Proposed regulations: During specific periods when military exercises will be conducted, as promulgated in the local notice to residents published by the United States Army, all vessels entering the Danger Zone would be advised to proceed across the area by the most direct route and without unnecessary delay. During specific periods when Military exercises will be conducted, as promulgated in the local notice to residents published by the United States Army no vessel or craft of any size shall lie-to or anchor in the Danger Zone, other than a vessel operated by or for the USCG, or any other authorized agency. At all other times, nothing in this regulation shall prohibit any lawful uses of this area. The regulation in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Fort Richardson, Alaska, and/or persons or agencies as he/she may designate.

Additional information

Due to the difficulty involved in restricting access to this waterway, the boundaries will be marked with the appropriate signs (see attached). Public announcements will be placed in the local media on a recurring basis. In addition, observation posts will be placed on the northern shore where the river crosses the installation boundary. Observers will inform the firing units when any boats, vehicles or personnel enter into the Danger Zone so that all firing can cease until the areas is cleared.

The decision whether to establish the requested danger zone will be based on an evaluation of the probably impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, good and fivers production, and, in general the needs and welfare of the people.

Comments are being solicited from the public; Federal, States, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corp of Engineers to determine whether to grant, modify, condition or deny authorization of this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historical properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above.

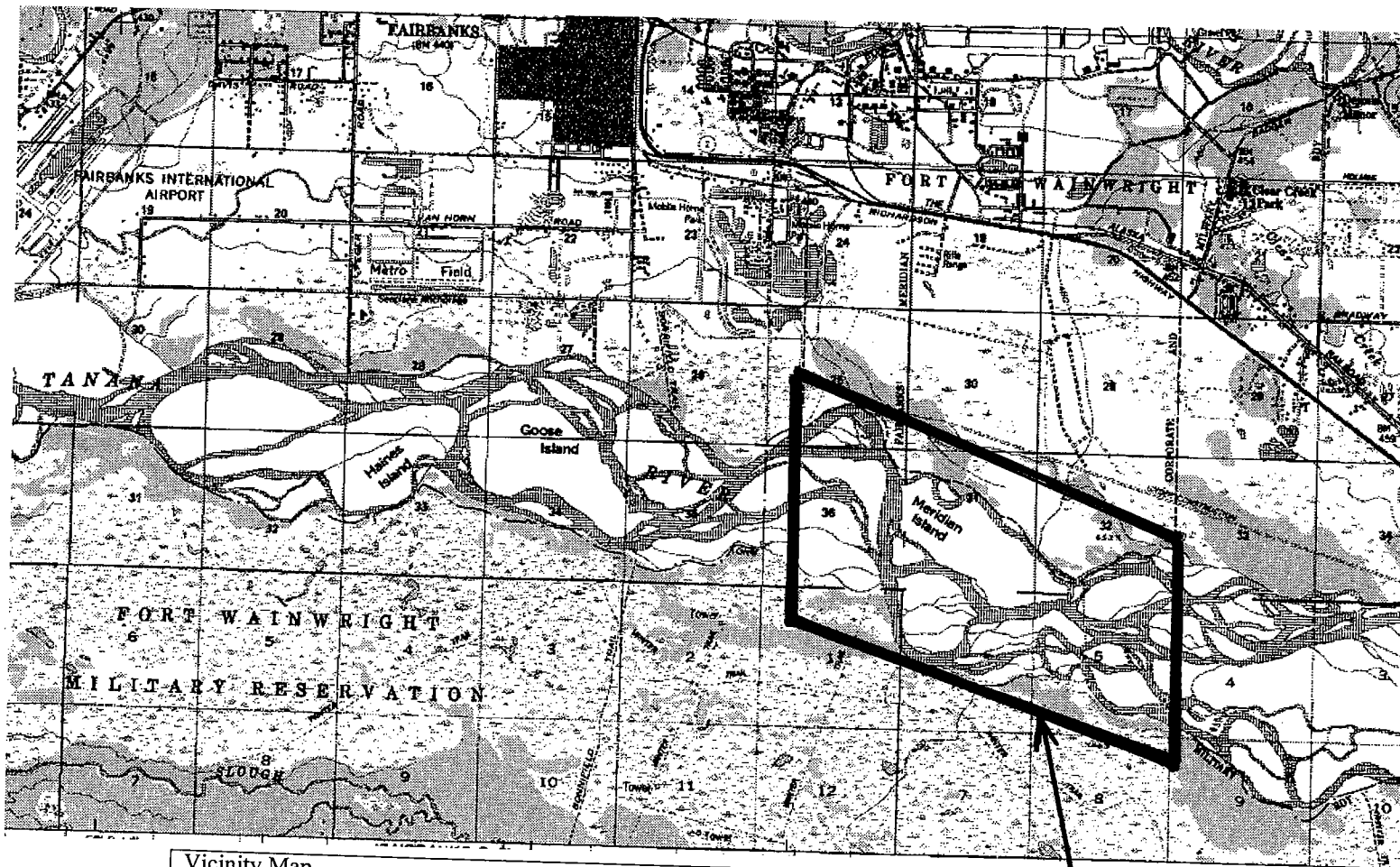
Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Individuals may request a public hearing during the open comment period by submitting a letter to the District Engineer outlining the reasons that the hearing is requested.

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

Written comments concerning the propose action described above may be submitted directly to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, CEPOA-CO-R-N, Attn: Mrs. Sheila Newman, 3437 Airport Way, Suite 206, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99707-4777, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Inquiries regarding the proposed action may be directed to, Mrs. Sheila Newman at 907.474.2166.

District Engineer
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

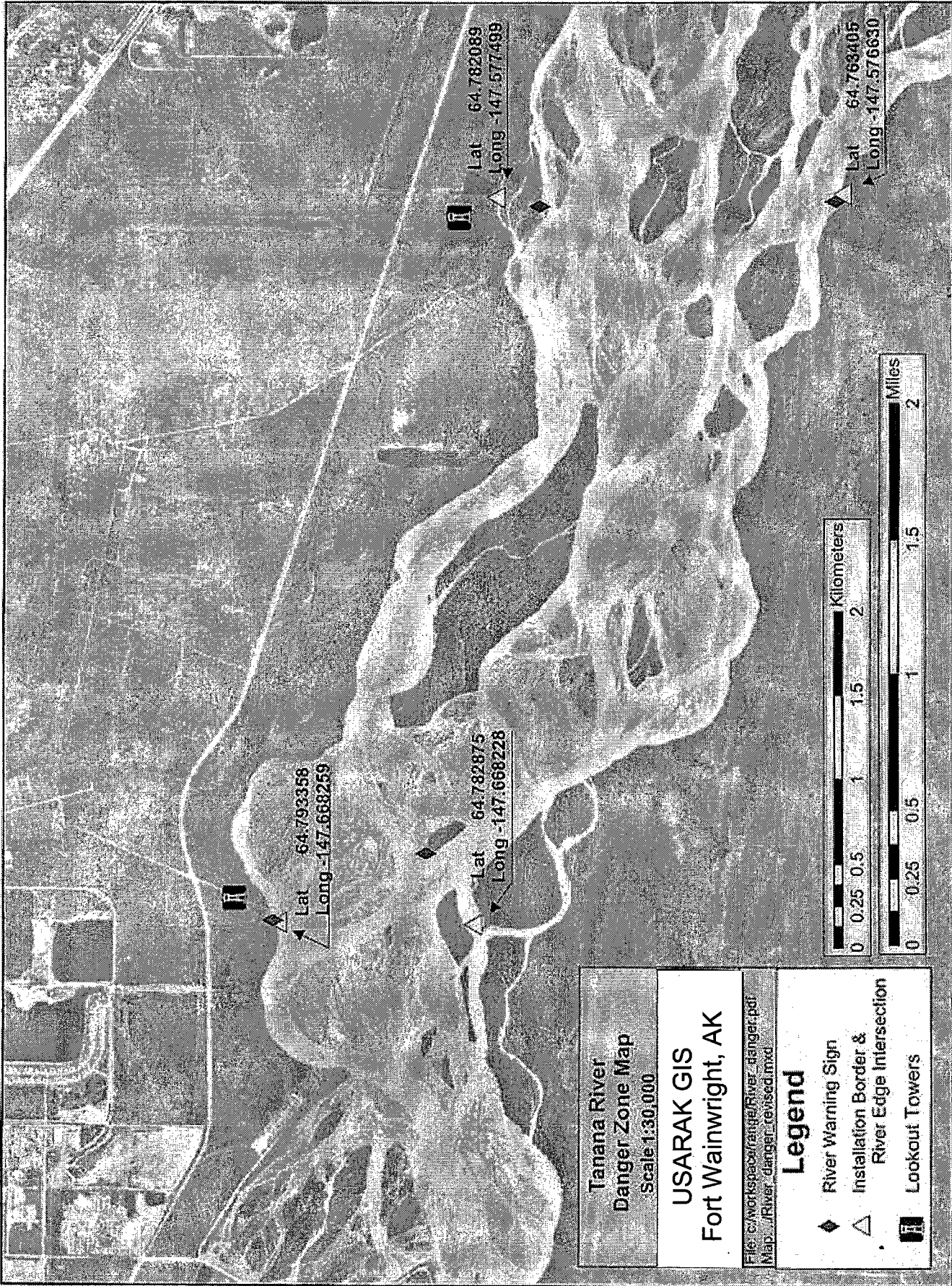
Attachments



Vicinity Map
 Proposed Tanana River Danger Zone
 Fort Wainwright, Alaska

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Approximate location
 USGS Map
 Fairbanks D-2, Alaska



Lat 64.793358
Long -147.68259

Lat 64.782875
Long -147.68228

Lat 64.782089
Long -147.577499

Lat 64.763405
Long -147.576630

Tanana River Danger Zone Map
Scale: 1:30,000

USARAK GIS
Fort Wainwright, AK

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Legend

- ◆ River Warning Sign
- △ Installation Border & River Edge Intersection
- ▭ Lookout Towers



River Warning Signs to be placed on the Boundaries of the Danger Zone

