



IN REPLY REFER TO

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Project Planning Branch

SUBJECT: Proposed Development of a Barge Loading/Unloading Area at Lock C Site for the U.S. Army Garrison (Fort Campbell Military Base; 101st Airborne Division), Cumberland River Mile 108.3, Lake Barkley, Montgomery County, Tennessee.

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District (USACE), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to assess the impacts of constructing a barge loading/unloading facility and associated staging area at the existing Lock C property. The purpose of the proposed work at Lock C is to provide a better facility via water for transport of military vehicles and equipment from the Ft. Campbell Military Base. The project is located at the site of Lock C, a former navigation structure on the Cumberland River that was operational before impoundment of Lake Barkley. Lock C is in Montgomery County, Tennessee in the vicinity of Cumberland City (Figure 1). On April 10, 2018, USACE issued a real estate permit to the U.S. Army Garrison for utilization of the area as a barge loading and unloading facility. However, subsequent modifications or improvements planned for the area require an evaluation under NEPA. Public access could be restricted to some or all of the site once improvements are made.

The EA would provide the basis for a decision whether to proceed with preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or complete the action with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The EA will compare two site development alternatives and the No Action Alternative. NEPA mandates that the "No Action" alternative be considered to establish a baseline or "without project condition." Under this alternative, no Federal action would be taken and this would be the basis against which the other alternatives are evaluated. The EA would describe and compare action alternatives that would accomplish the project purpose of providing a more efficient facility for the transport of military vehicles and equipment.

This letter serves to solicit scoping comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity as part of the USACE planning process and in accordance with the NEPA process. We encourage comments not only about resources in the immediate project area, but also of plans or proposals for any other development that may impact or influence project resources. Comments are used to assess impacts on fish, wildlife, endangered species, water quality, historic properties, water supply, conservation, economics, aesthetics, wetlands, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion, sedimentation, recreation, energy

needs, safety, climate change, considerations of property ownership, general environmental effects, cumulative effects, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. This letter also serves to initiate the public involvement requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Comments may be submitted within 30 days of the date of this letter to the address on the letterhead or electronically to travis.a.wiley@usace.army.mil. For additional information regarding the proposed project, please contact Travis Wiley at (615) 736-7857.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map, Lock C Site, Montgomery County, Tennessee

