

PUBLIC NOTICE



US ARMY CORPS
OF ENGINEERS

APPLICANT: RAPID CITY REGIONAL
AIRPORT
APPLICATION NO: 200330147
WATERWAY: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY/
WETLAND

OMAHA DISTRICT

ISSUE DATE: AUGUST 9, 2004
EXPIRATION DATE: AUGUST 30, 2004

Regulatory Office, 28563 Powerhouse Rd, Room 118, Pierre, SD 57501

21-DAY NOTICE

JOINT NOTICE OF PERMIT PENDING

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The application of the Rapid City Regional Airport, Rapid City, South Dakota, for approval of plans and issuance of a permit under authority of the Secretary of the Army is being considered by the District Engineer, US Army Engineer District, Omaha, Nebraska.

The applicant requests authorization to perform fill placement activities in an unnamed tributary to Rapid Creek (waters of the United States (US)) in connection with an airport runway/taxiway safety improvement project, in Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, latitude 44-1-54.4828, longitude 103-3-5.3876, Pennington County, South Dakota.

The proposed project will consist of conducting fill material placement activities in the upper reach of the tributary, which includes an existing dam (wetland), for the construction/relocation of an airport taxiway. Approximately 3.0 acres of tributary/wetland will be eventually filled by the taxiway embankment construction. An underlying drain system will be placed in the existing tributary channel to convey subsurface seepage that currently emerges from the hillside at the extreme upper end of the tributary. The proposed new/relocated taxiway embankment will be constructed over the drain with a surcharge (height extension) of material to allow for settling of the embankment fill. This initial construction phase will involve partial filling of the tributary/wetland. After an approximate 10-month period, the surcharge material will be regraded resulting in extending the fill area over the entire wetland area. The upper segment of a side (west) branch of the tributary will be avoided by the project construction and the drainage rerouted around the perimeter of the embankment fill to rejoin the main tributary channel. The applicant is intending to

replace/mitigate the adverse impacts to waters of the US by replacing the wetland area at an off-site location in the general project vicinity. No detailed plans have been developed.

The purpose of the project is to increase the distance between the runway centerline and the taxiway centerline from to 262 feet to 450 feet to enhance airport safety. The Federal Aviation Administration prepared an environmental assessment describing the anticipated environmental effects of the proposed project construction and conducted a Public Hearing and comment period that was completed in January of 2004.

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Services, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501-3181, will review the proposed project for state certification in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the State's opinion that the operations undertaken by the applicant will not result in a violation of applicable water quality standards. The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources hereby incorporates this public notice as its own public notice and procedures by reference (ARSD 74:51:01).

Omaha District will comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. A finding of "no historic properties affected" was recommended in a report based on a Class III Cultural Resource Inventory (Rapid City Airport Survey) of the project area. The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred with the recommended affect determination in a letter dated September 29, 2003 (SHPO Project 030619002F). However, we will evaluate any additional input by the SHPO and the public in response to this public notice, and we may conduct or require a reconnaissance survey of the permit area or check for unknown historic properties, if warranted.

In compliance with the Endangered Species Act, a preliminary determination has been made that the described work will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation of this activity, comments are solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts 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 proposals must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the activity 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, food production, and, in general the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, the evaluation of the impacts of the project on public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting 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. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the 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.

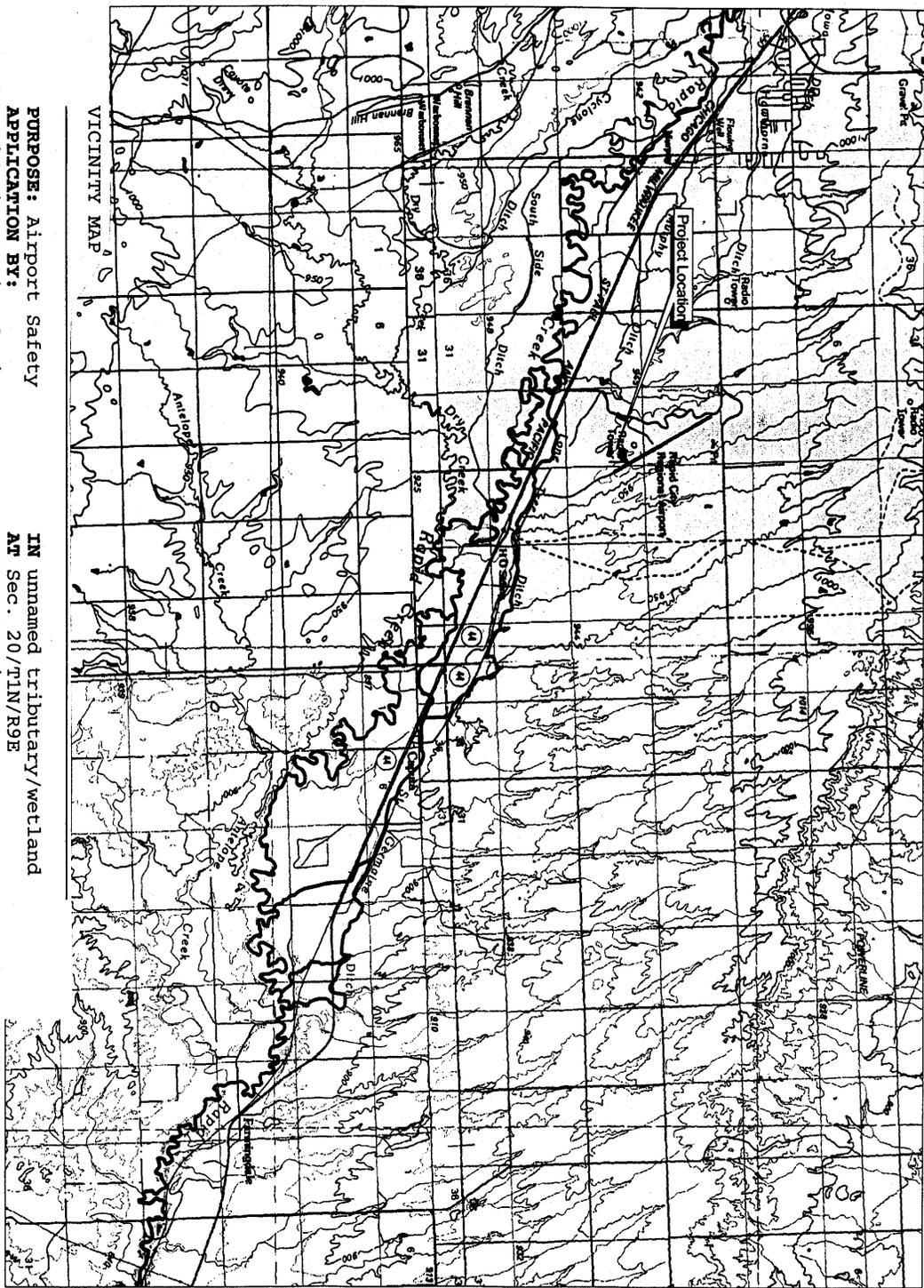
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing. The request must be submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers, South Dakota Regulatory Office, 28563 Powerhouse Road, Room 118, Pierre, South Dakota 57501.

Any interested party (particularly officials of any town, city, county, state, Federal agency, Indian Tribe, or local association whose interests may be affected by the proposed work) is invited to submit to this office, written facts, arguments, or objections on or before August 30, 2004. Any agency or individual having an objection to the proposed work should specifically identify it as an objection with clear and specific reasons. Comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted, made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in subsequent actions on this permit application. All replies to the public notice should be addressed to the address listed in the previous paragraph. Thomas A Lowin, telephone number (605) 224-8531, may be contacted for additional information.

Comments received after the close of the business day on the expiration date of this public notice will not be considered.

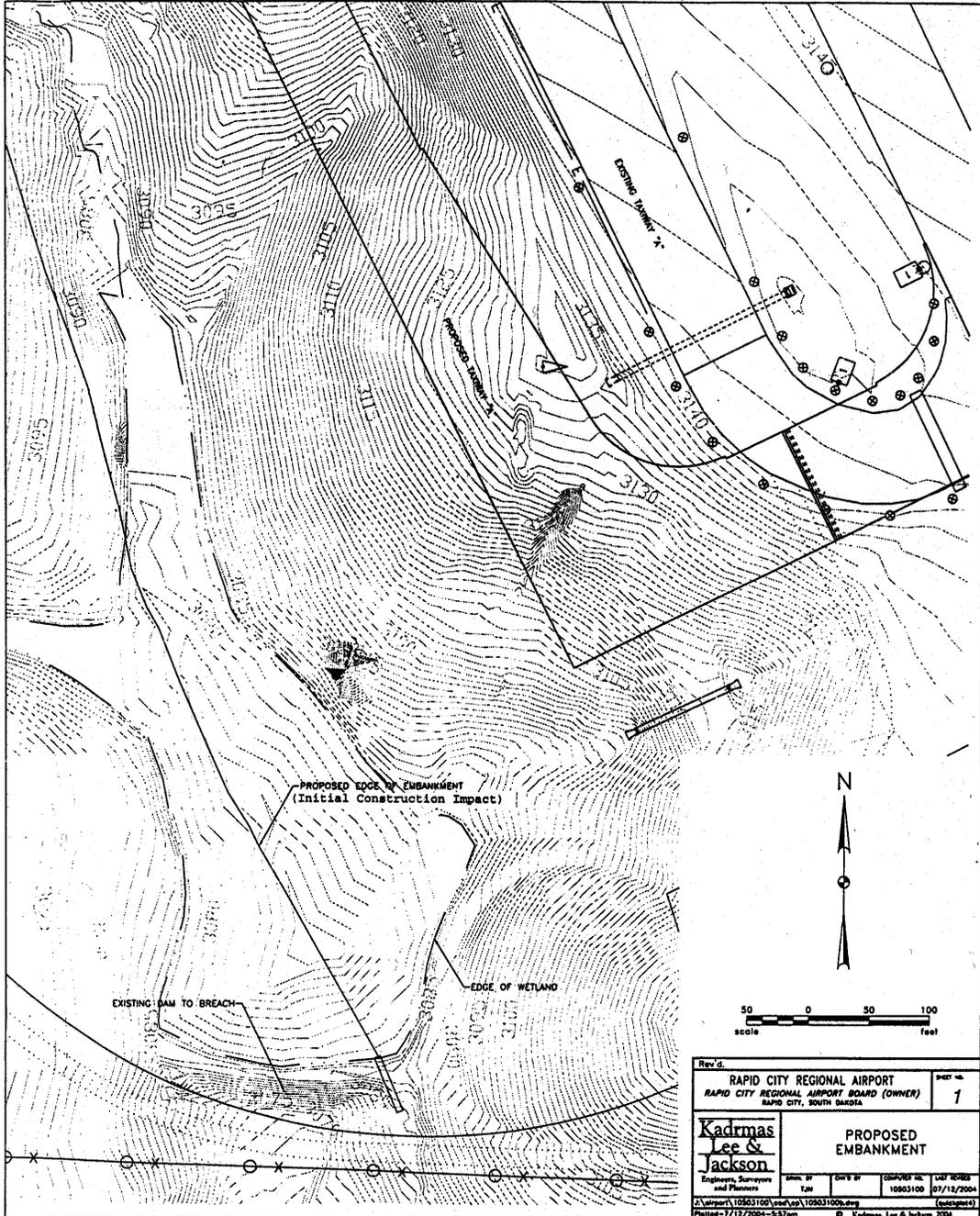
This project, if authorized, will be under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Drawings showing the location and extent of the work are attached to this notice.



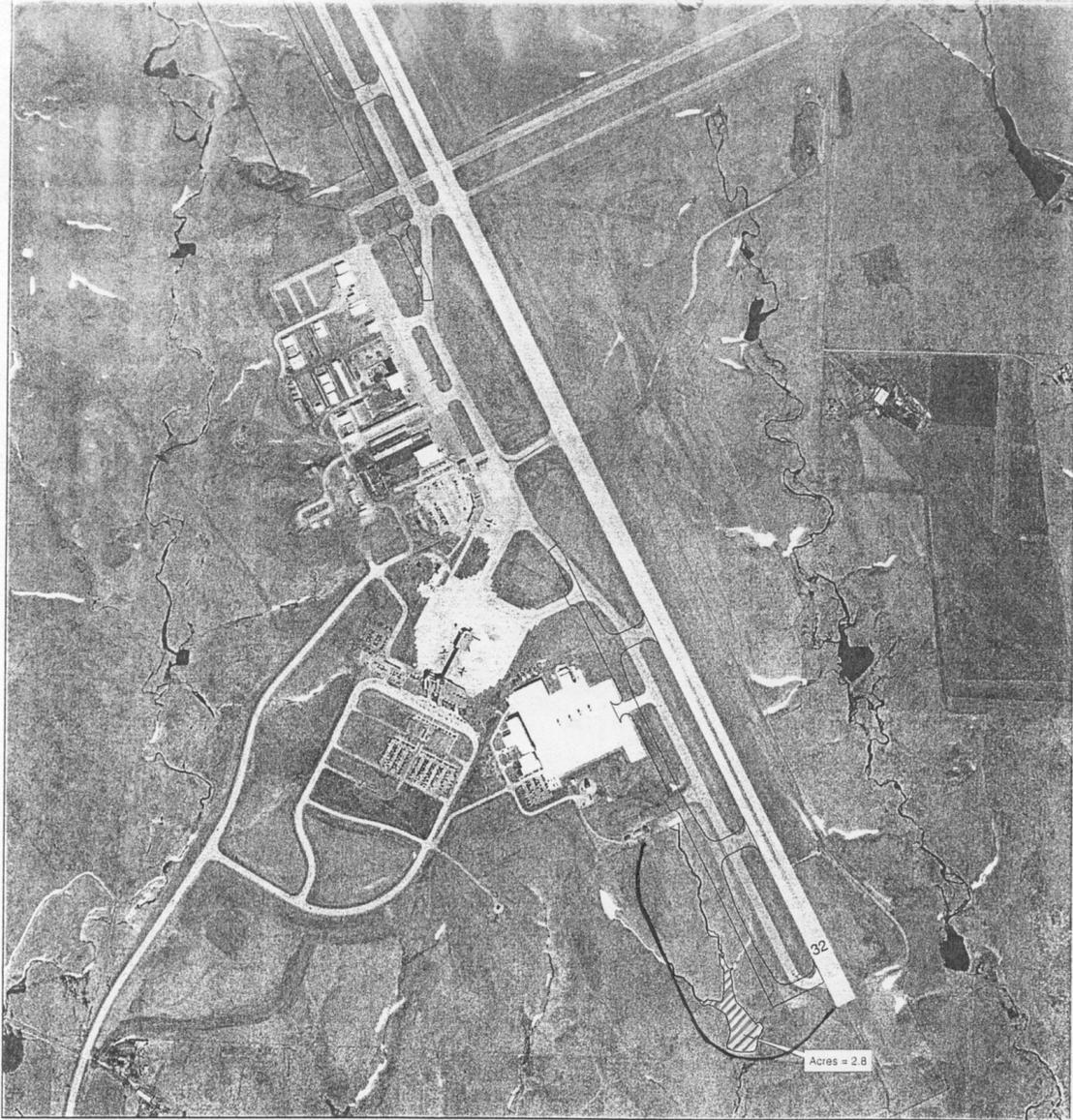
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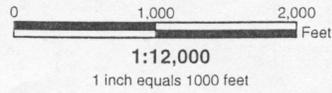
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Rapid City Regional Airport

Map Elements	
	Construction Limits
	Proposed Taxiway
	Wetland Area
	Wetland Impacts



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