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PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE MAUEMLLE RIVER AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS

The public is hereby notified of the availability of the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Maumelle River Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (ER) Feasibility Study in Pulaski County, Arkansas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, and the non-federal sponsor Central Arkansas Water, have prepared the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and EA to identify, evaluate, and disclose all impacts that would result from the implementation of the proposed plans to address ecosystem restoration.

The ER feasibility study has developed and analyzed ecosystem restoration alternatives, including the "No Action" alternative, to restore degraded ecological functions and riverine habitats in the Maumelle River study area to increase habitat quality for aquatic wildlife, migratory birds, and other wildlife species. Alternatives evaluated in the feasibility study include riverine and riparian habitat restoration, native bottomland hardwood species plantings, and invasive species management. The Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and EA, Draft FONSI, and comment form will be posted at the link below starting Monday, February 21, 2022.

https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Maumelle-River-Ecosystem-Restoration-Study/

A 30-day public comment period begins on Monday, February 21, 2022, and ends Tuesday, March 24, 2022. Please address any comments by mail to Mr. Craig Hilburn, Biologist, Cultural and Environmental Program Support Section, Environmental Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, or by email at ceswl-caw_project_study@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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