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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE DRAFT PROJECT REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR EMERGENCY STREAMBANK PROTECTION FOR MORTAR CREEK QUITMAN, ARKANSAS (FAULKNER COUNTY)

The public is hereby notified of the availability of the draft Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment (DPR-EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Emergency Streambank Protection Study (Study) for Mortar Creek, Quitman, Arkansas (Faulkner County). A 30-day public comment period begins on April 24, 2024, and ends May 24, 2024.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, in partnership with Faulkner County, is conducting the Study under Section 14 of the Flood Control Act of 1946 which allows the USACE to construct riverbank protection works to protect endangered highways, highway bridge approaches, and other essential, important public works. The draft DPR-EA evaluates a plan to protect the bridge over Mortar Creek at Mortar Creek Road southeast of Quitman, Arkansas from encroaching erosion.

The draft EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1968, as amended, to assess and document the potential effects of the alternatives considered on the human and natural environment. The USACE has made a preliminary determination that the Tentatively Selected Plan, which includes protecting the creek bank with riprap and removing former bridge abutments, would not result in significant degradation to the environment and therefore supports preparation of a Draft FONSI. The draft DPR-EA and draft FONSI will be available for download beginning April 24, 2024, on the Little Rock District website at:

<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Mortar-Creek-Stream-Bank-Protection/>

The 30-day comment period is being provided to solicit public feedback on the Study. All submitted comments will be made part of the public record and considered in preparing final documentation for completion of the NEPA process. Any interested party is invited to submit written comments by May 24, 2024 using any of the following methods:

- *Online:* Use the comment form at the website above
- *Mail:* USACE, Galveston District, ATTN: RPEC - Ford, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229
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