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Little Rock District

# PUBLIC NOTICE

*CORPS OF ENGINEERS*

**Application Number: 1991-00147-19**

**Date: February 6, 2023**

**Comments Due: March 3, 2023**

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: **Comments are invited on the work described below. Please see the Public Involvement section for details on submitting comments.**

Point of Contact. If additional information is desired, please contact the regulator, John Bridgeman, telephone number: (501) 340-1387, mailing address: Little Rock District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, PO Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, email address: [John.Bridgeman@usace.army.mil](mailto:John.Bridgeman@usace.army.mil)

Project Information. Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S. Code 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. Code 1344), notice is hereby given that

**Mr. Ken Smith  
Galloway Sand and Gravel Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2846  
Batesville, Arkansas 72503-2846**

has requested authorization for the placement of dredged and fill material in waters of the United States associated with the continuation of their commercial sand and gravel dredging operations. The proposed project is located between Lock and Dam Numbers 1 and 2 on the White River, from mile 300.2 to 307.9, just upstream of the Highway 167 Bridge to immediately downstream of Lock and Dam No. 2, near Batesville, Independence County, Arkansas. Also, dredging is accomplished at the mouth of Polk Bayou, on the left descending bank of the White River at mile 300.7.

The project purpose is to provide sand and gravel for commercial use.

Sand and gravel is removed from the White River by a floating dredge, and the material is transported by barge to the company's plant in Batesville. Material is removed from the mouth of Polk Bayou by dragline during low flows of the White River, usually in late summer and early fall, and is temporarily stockpiled on the bank below the ordinary high water mark, then is loaded on a truck and taken to the Batesville plant. After the material is classified, it is sold for commercial purposes.

Dredging operations have been permitted in these reaches since 1991.

The Little Rock Regulatory Division does not typically require compensatory mitigation for Standard Permits specific to Section 10 activities, such as dredging. Due to these established standard operating procedures and the minor impacts of the project, no compensatory mitigation would be required if the authorization is extended.

The location and general plan for the proposed work are shown on the enclosed sheets.

Water Quality Certification. The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule (Certification Rule, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 121), effective September 11, 2020, requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The scope of a CWA Section 401 certification is limited to assuring that a discharge from a Federally licensed or permitted activity will comply with water quality requirements. The applicant is responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. As of the date of this public notice, the applicant has not submitted a certification request to the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (certifying authority). In accordance with Certification Rule Part 121.6, once the applicant submits a certification request the Corps will determine the reasonable period of time for the certifying agency to act upon the certification and provide written notification. In accordance with Certification Rule Part 121.12, the Corps will notify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator when it has received the subject certification. The Administrator is responsible for determining if the discharge may affect water quality in a neighboring jurisdiction. The DA permit may not be issued pending the conclusion of the Administrator's determination of effects on neighboring jurisdictions.

Cultural Resources. A Corps staff archeologist will evaluate the proposal for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, including identification and evaluation of cultural resources potentially impacted by the proposal's implementation in waters of the United States. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area.

Endangered Species. Our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity will not affect listed Endangered Species or their critical habitat. A copy of this notice is being furnished to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and appropriate state agencies and constitutes a request to those agencies for information on whether any listed or proposed-to-be-listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

Floodplain. We are providing copies of this notice to appropriate floodplain officials in accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60 (Floodplain Management Regulations Criteria for Land Management and Use) and Executive Order 11988 on Floodplain Management.

Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. The evaluation of activities to be authorized under this permit, which involves the discharge of dredged or fill material will include application of guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. These guidelines are contained in 40 Code of Federal CFR 230.

Public Involvement. Any interested party is invited to submit to the above-listed POC written comments or objections relative to the proposed work on or before **March 3, 2023**. Substantive comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted and made a part of the record and

will receive full consideration in determining whether this work would be in the public interest. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable 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, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

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 reasons for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision.

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Enclosures

Approximate Coordinates of Project Center

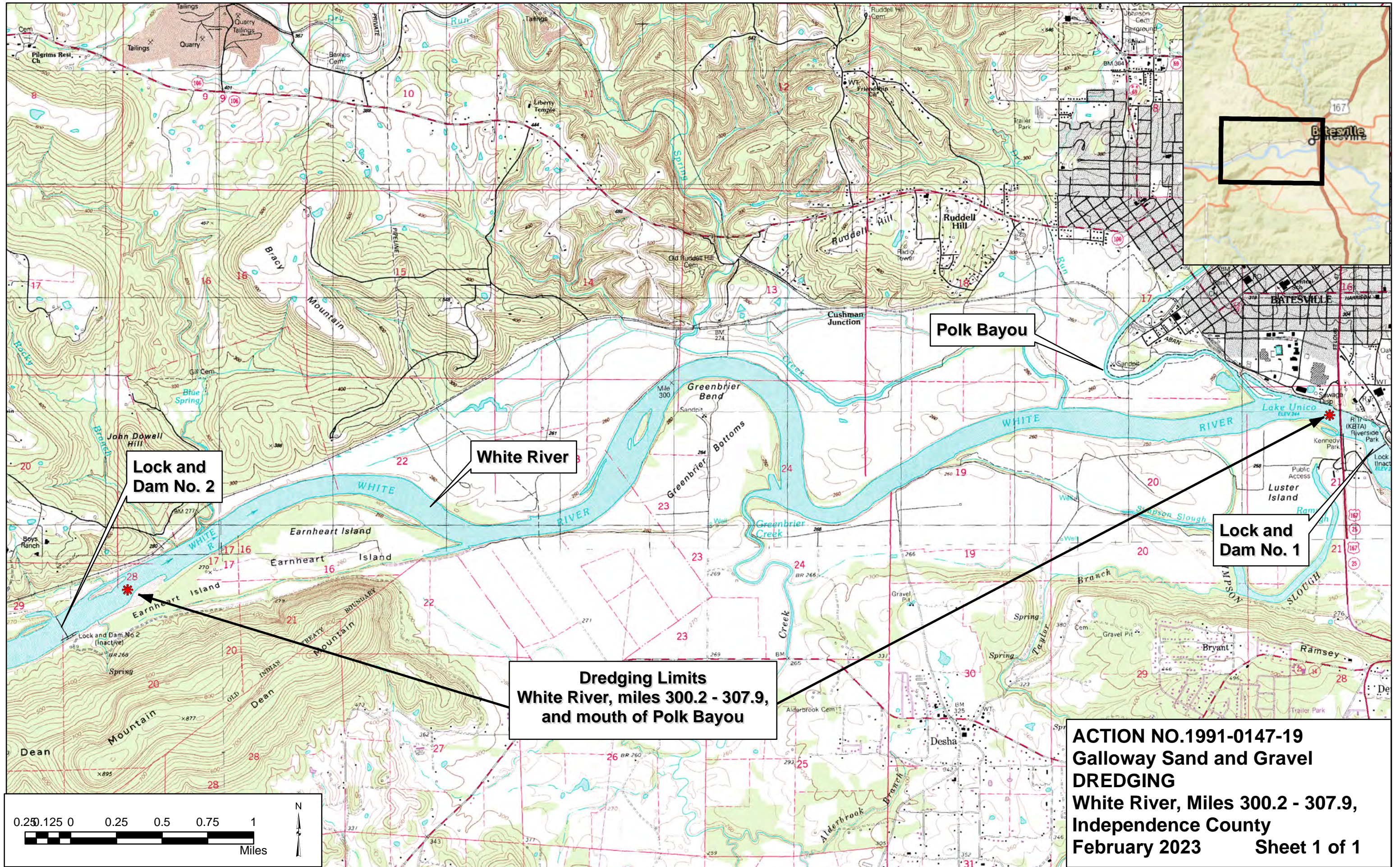
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Longitude: **-91.703533**

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East: **617197**





**Lock and Dam No. 2**

**White River**

**Polk Bayou**

**Lock and Dam No. 1**

**Dredging Limits  
White River, miles 300.2 - 307.9,  
and mouth of Polk Bayou**

**ACTION NO.1991-0147-19  
Galloway Sand and Gravel  
DREDGING  
White River, Miles 300.2 - 307.9,  
Independence County  
February 2023      Sheet 1 of 1**

