



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Memphis District

Public Notice

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NOTICE DATE:
March 18, 2013

EXPIRATION DATE:
Attn: Postmaster,
Please Post Until  April 16, 2013

Joint Public Notice
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
and
State of Arkansas

AUTHORITY: Pursuant to 33 CFR 325, as published in the Federal Register dated November 13, 1986, this notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

APPLICANT:

Dr. Steve Modelevsky
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Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401
(870) 972-8570

PURPOSE: The primary purpose of the project is to provide access to approximately 77 acres that are currently landlocked. The proposed access road/levee will also be utilized to maintain water year round within Hood Lake.

LOCATION: The project site is located in Section 6, Township 12N, Range 2E, in Poinsett County, Arkansas, at approximate latitude 35.70193°N and longitude -90.91800°W on the Risher 7.5 minute quadrangle map (Attachment 1).

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to build an approximately 1,000 foot road/levee across Hood Lake to provide access to landlocked property. The proposed road/levee will have a 60-foot base with 3:1 side slopes. The road/levee would directly impact 1.38 acres of wetlands. The road/levee would be constructed when the lake is dry. Fill material for the road/levee would be dug from the lake bottom. The borrow ditch would be along the east side of the proposed road/levee. The road/levee would begin at the bank of Hood Lake and end at an existing levee.

AVOIDANCE/MINIMIZATION: According to the applicant, water is pumped into Hood Lake for hunting purposes and then released after hunting season. Avoiding the wetlands would not allow him to meet his purpose to provide access to his landlocked property.

MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to mitigate wetland impacts with a proposed mitigation site of 2-8 acres located in Cross County, Arkansas (Attachments 3 and 4).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: By copy of this public notice, the applicant is requesting water quality certification from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality that the activity will comply with applicable requirements set forth in 33 U.S.C. and 1341 (a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and all State laws and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. This certification or evidence of the water quality certification or waiver of the right to certify must be submitted prior to the issuance of a Corps of Engineers permit. The Corps of Engineers' evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat, are known to exist in the project area. This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments they may have regarding endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat, will be considered in our evaluation of the described work.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Memphis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct or require a survey of the project area.

FLOOD PLAIN: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed public notice and notify this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The purpose of this public notice is to advise all interested parties of the activities for which a permit is sought and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact on 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 activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project 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; Federally recognized 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: 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 a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason 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. If a public hearing is held, it will be for the purpose of obtaining additional information that we could not otherwise obtain through a public notice process; not to inform the public about the specific details of the project in greater detail than what is found in this notice. This is not a Corps project. We are not a proponent or are we an opponent of the project. We are merely the permitting authority of Section 404 and Section 10 permits required by our office.

COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Send comments to the Corps of Engineers, Memphis District and Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. Comments may be sent via mail or E-mail to the following:

U.S. Army Engineer District - Memphis
ATTN: Josh Bright
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phone: (901) 544-0926
fax: (901) 544-0211

State Permits Branch, Water Division
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
ATTN: Mark Hathcote
5301 North Shore Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317
E-mail: hathcote@adeq.state.ar.us

The Corps may provide copies of all comments, (including name & address of those providing comments) to the applicant for consideration and response prior to a decision. Comments should be received by the expiration date listed on page one of this notice.

For Final Individual Permits actions in the Memphis District, go to the following link:

<http://geo.usace.army.mil/egis/f?p=340:2:0::NO:RP>. Using the Filter by District drop down box, select MVM-Memphis District, then select the year and month (information will populate in the table below). All pending individual permits can be located by selecting the “**Pending IP**” tab above. All of the environmental documents and statements of findings supporting issuance or denial of the permit decisions are available upon written request and where applicable, upon the payment of administrative fees. They are also available at the Memphis District, Regulatory Branch office for examination.



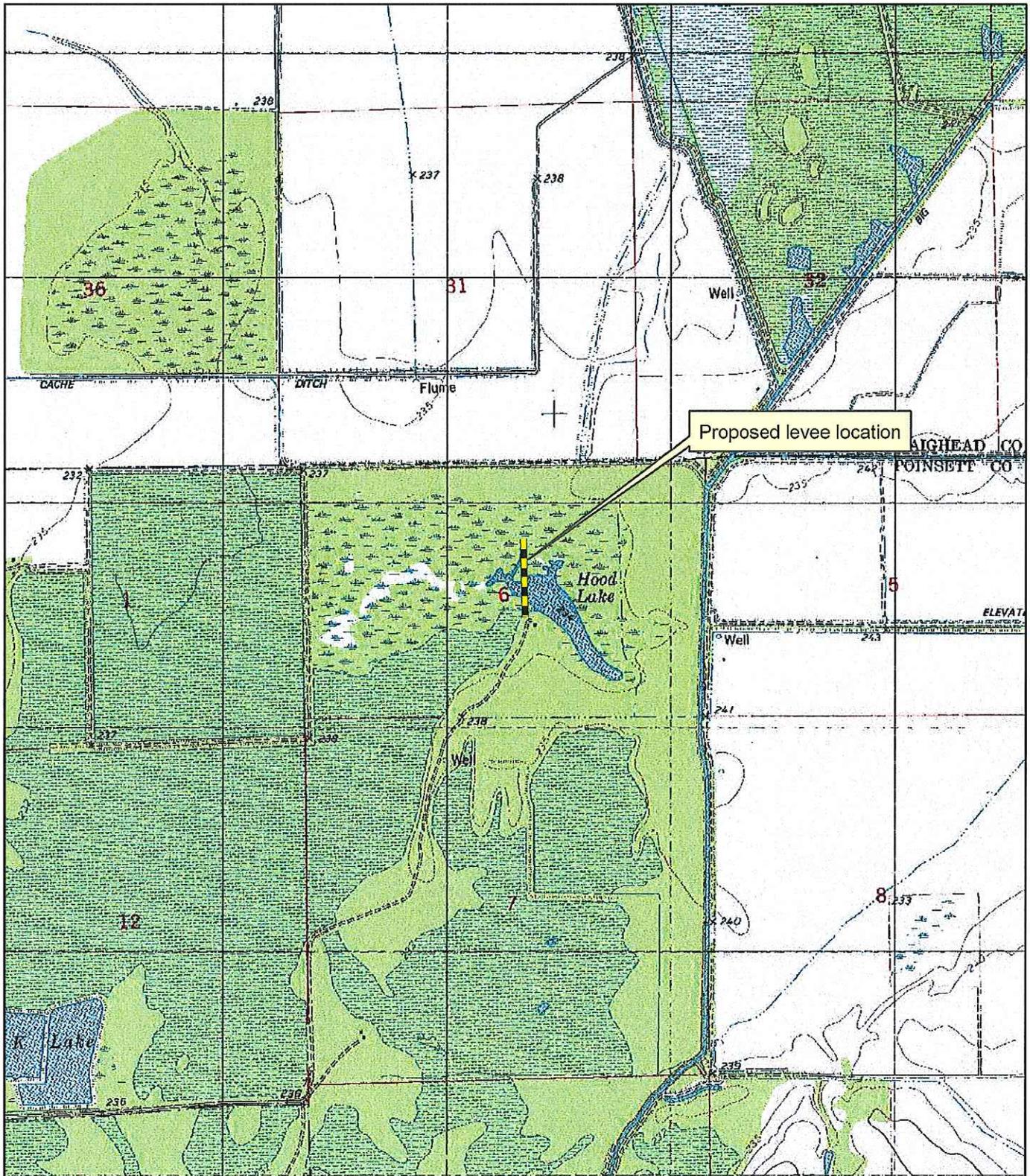
Gregg Williams
Chief
Regulatory Branch

Attachments

Modelevsky Proposed Levee

Legal Description: Section 6, T 12 N, R 2 E
Risher, AR Quad Map

Date: 2/19/2013



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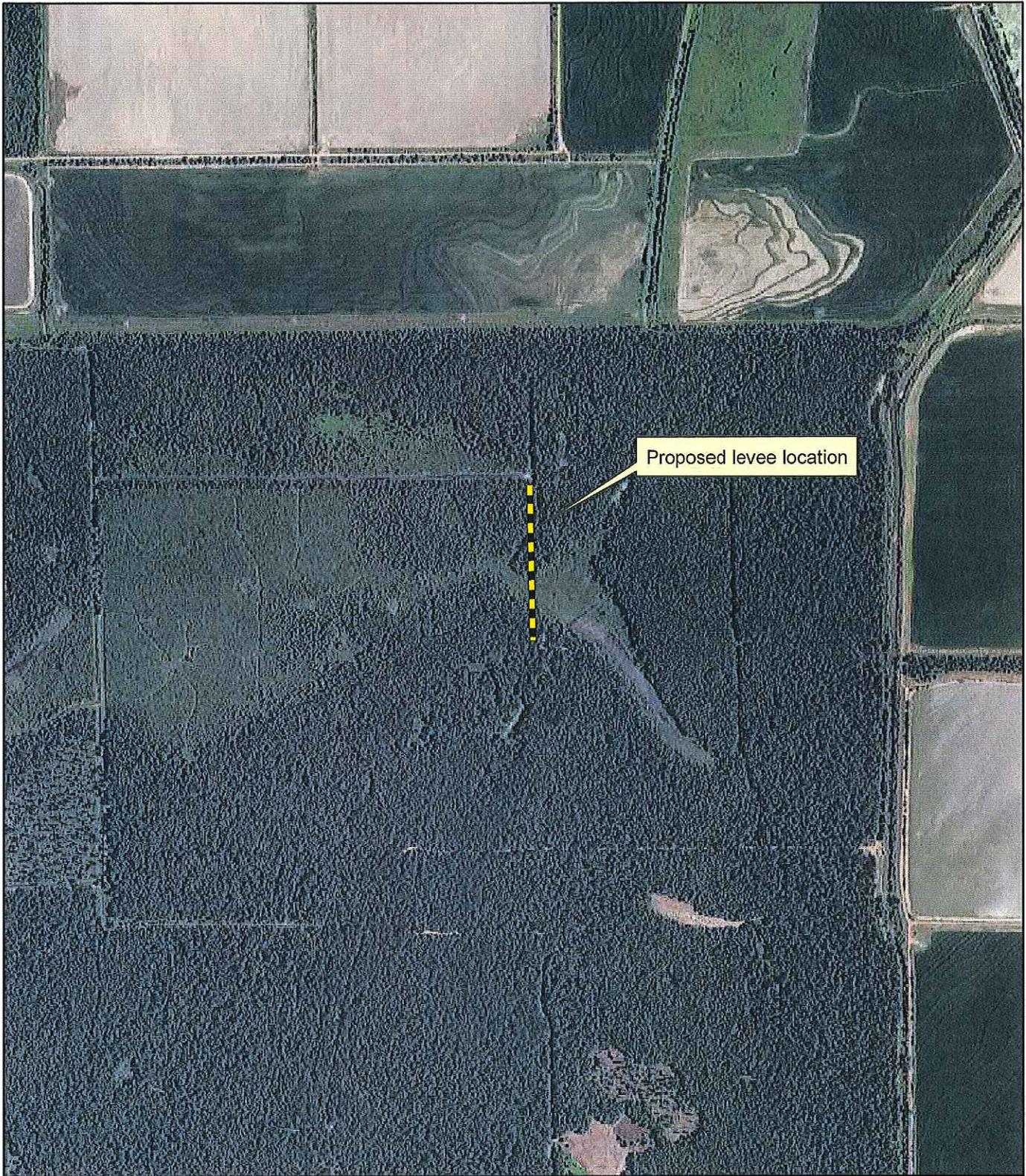
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Princedale Quadrangle

Date: 9/20/2012

Customer(s): Steve Modelevsky

District: CROSS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

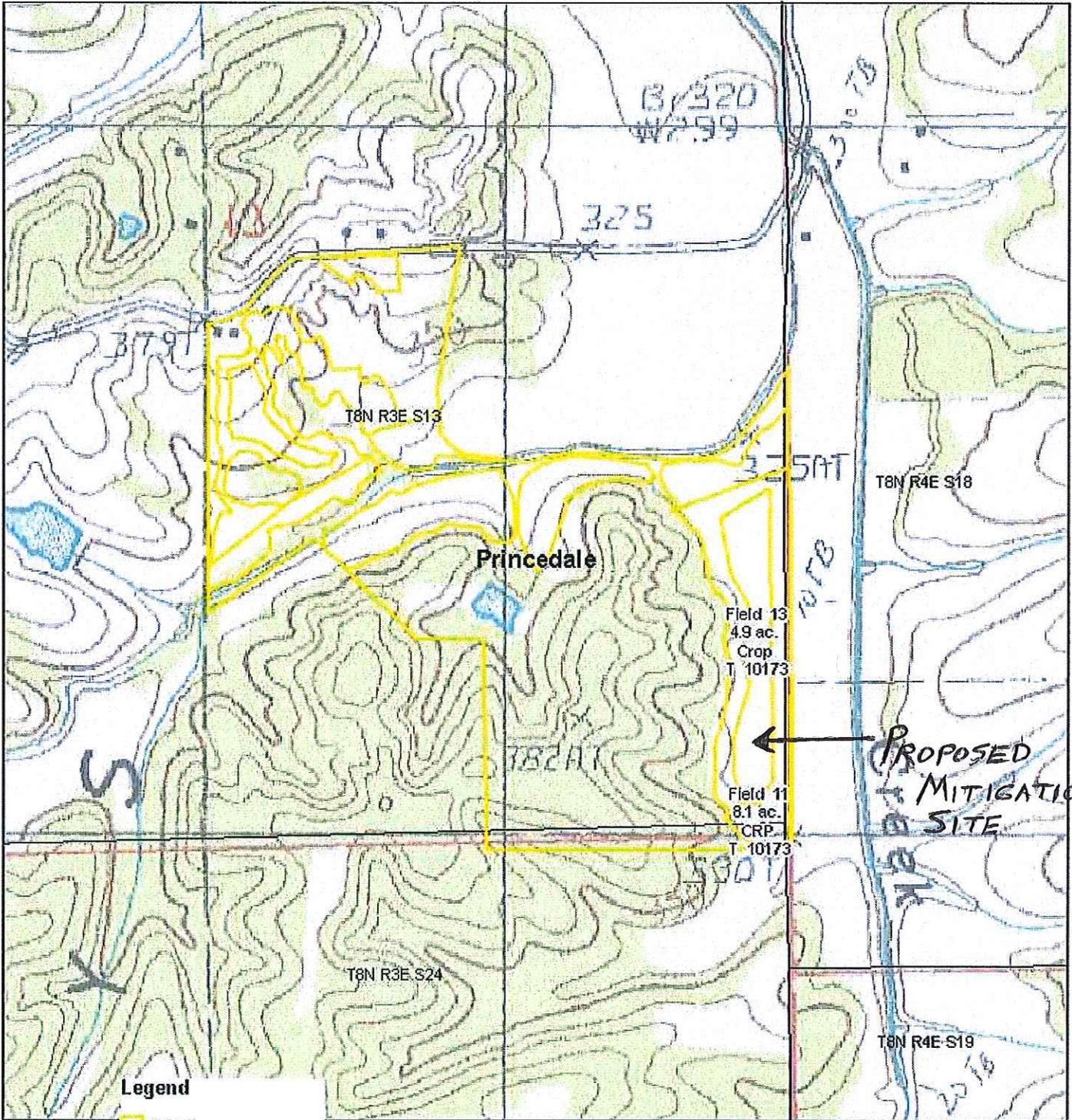
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Conservation Plan Map

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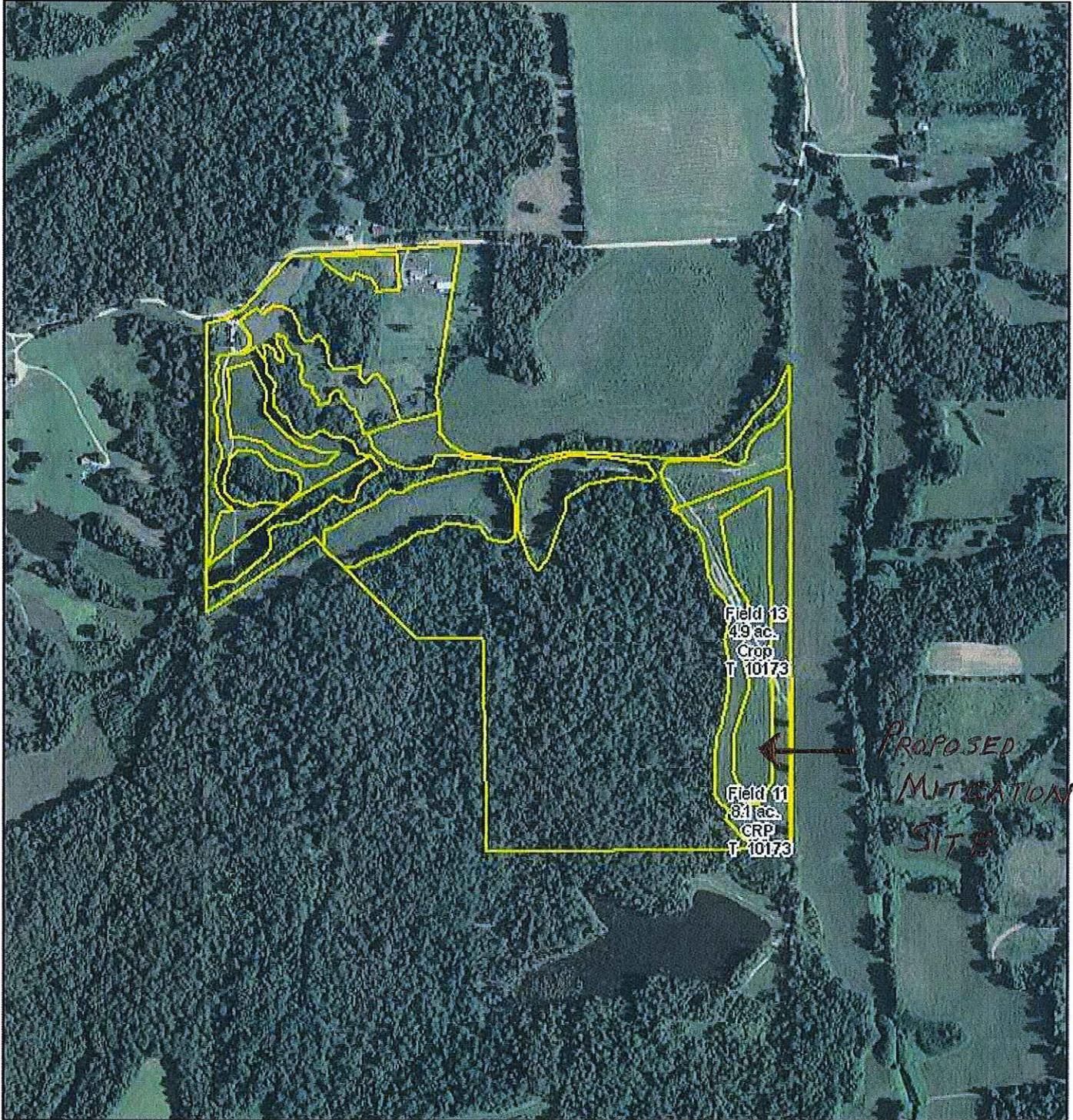
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