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Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

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This is to give notice that the Texas General Land Office (GLO), on behalf of DeWitt County Drainage District No. 1, under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 22-119-011-D506 is in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetlands, and GLO will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the FFRMS and wetlands and the potential impacts on the FFRMS and wetlands from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is along 2,845 linear feet of Gohlke Creek, also referred to as the Main Channel, in Cuero, DeWitt County. The project will involve regrading and excavating the channel and banks; filling in low spots on the side slopes (embankment); erosion control and stabilization; and installing fencing at the top of the banks. The goal of the project is to improve flow in the drainage channel in order to increase resilience to disasters and lessen the impact of future disasters. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a 0.2 percent flood approach, which defines the FFRMS floodplain as the elevation and flood hazard area that result from using the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain (500-year floodplain) based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps and related Flood Insurance Studies. A review of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Community Panel 48123C0410C effective on January 6, 2011, shows the entire project, 14.33 acres, is within the 100-year floodplain (Zone A). The project is also within 1.83 acres of riverine wetlands and crosses 3,047.44 feet of National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) streams. Natural floodplains provide flood risk reduction benefits by slowing runoff and storing floodwater. Floodplains frequently contain wetlands and other important ecological areas which directly affect the quality of the local environment. Some of the benefits of floodplains to a functioning natural system include fish and wildlife habitat protection, natural flood and erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, and groundwater recharge,



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in addition to other natural benefits. Wetlands provide numerous beneficial functions for humans, flora, and fauna. Some of these functions include protecting and improving water quality, providing fish and wildlife habitats, storing floodwaters, and maintaining surface water flow during dry periods. Project activities will strengthen the channel and improve beneficial functions such as natural flood and erosion control.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplains and wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the [floodplain/wetland]. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by GLO at the following address on or before July 1, 2025, Attention:

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