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Information Sheet for Skagit River GI

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The Skagit River General Investigation (GI) is investigating basin-wide measures to reduce flooding to the study area. Measures under consideration include levees, bypasses, additional flood storage, urban levees, modifications to existing dams, and non-structural measures.

The primary intent of the flood risk management feasibility study is to evaluate flooding problems in the Skagit River basin from the Ross Dam reservoir (Ross Lake) to Skagit Bay; to formulate, evaluate, and screen potential solutions to these problems; and to recommend an alternative that has a federal interest and are supported by the local entities. The recommended plan must be technically viable, economically sound, and supported by the local jurisdictions and local sponsor. The study will result in an integrated Feasibility Study Report/Environmental Impact Statement (FR/EIS).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Skagit River General Investigation in the July 29, 2011 Federal Register. A NOI was originally published in the Federal Register in November 1997 and a public meeting was held. Due to the amount of time that has lapsed since the issuance of the original NOI, the Corps has reissued the NOI and is soliciting comments. A DEIS is being prepared due to the potential for impacts on environmental resources and the intense public interest already demonstrated in addressing the Skagit River flooding problems.

Public involvement will be sought during scoping, plan formulation, and preparation of the DEIS in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures. A public scoping process has been started to: (1) clarify which issues appear to be major public concerns, (2) identify any information sources that might be available to analyze and evaluate impacts, and (3) obtain public input and determine acceptability for the range of measures to be included within potential alternatives.

This NOI formally commences the scoping process under NEPA. As part of the scoping process, all affected Federal, state, and local agencies; Tribes; the public; and other interested private organizations, including environmental groups, are invited to comment on the scope of the DEIS. Comments are requested regarding issues of concern, project alternatives, potential mitigation measures, probable significant environmental impacts, and permits or other approvals that may be required by any project.

People or organizations wishing to submit scoping comments should do so by August 29, 2011.

Please send mailing list inclusion requests, future documents, and all comments on the proposed project, to:

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