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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

December 3, 2015

SUBJECT: DMMP TIER 1 EVALUATION OF THE METHOW BOAT LAUNCH AND SWIM AREA MAINTENANCE, COLUMBIA RIVER, WITH UPLAND DISPOSAL.

- 1. Introduction.** This memorandum documents the Tier 1 evaluation by the Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) agencies (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Departments of Ecology and Natural Resources, and the Environmental Protection Agency) of the City of Pateros boat launch and swim area maintenance (Figures 1 and 2). This evaluation resulted in a no-test determination.
- 2. Project.** The Public Utility District #1 of Douglas County (PUD) proposes to remove a total of approximately 10,000 cubic yards (CY) from two separate areas (boat launch access channel and swim area) near the mouth of the Methow River at its confluence with the Columbia River. The PUD plans to remove approximately 2,200 CY of sediment from the boat launch access channel. An additional 7,800 CY will be removed at the nearby swim area. The sediment will be moved temporarily to a handling location for dewatering before placement at a disposal site on Carpenter Island, located approximately 8 miles downriver.
- 3. Evaluation.** Under DMMP guidelines, projects for which upland disposal is planned do not ordinarily require testing of the dredged material, but do require evaluation under the Department of Ecology's antidegradation standard. The Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application submitted for this project indicated that approximately 8 feet of sediment will be removed from both areas. The sediment that will be exposed by dredging is anticipated to consist of native sands and silts with varying amounts of gravel. An EIM query showed that no sediment data had previously been collected from within or near the project area, which is usually an indication that there are no sediment contaminant issues in the vicinity of the project. A review of EPA's Cleanups in My Community database and Ecology's Integrated Site Information System did not reveal any cleanup sites within or near the project area.
- 4. Tier 1 Determination.** This project is located in an area of low concern, with proposed upland disposal. The DMMP agencies have determined that the sediment exposed by dredging will meet the State of Washington antidegradation standard. Therefore, no DMMP testing is required for this project.

This determination does *not* constitute final agency approval of the project. During the public comment period that follows a public notice, resource agencies will provide input on the overall project. A final decision will be made after full consideration of agency input, and after an alternatives analysis is done under section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

5. Signatures.

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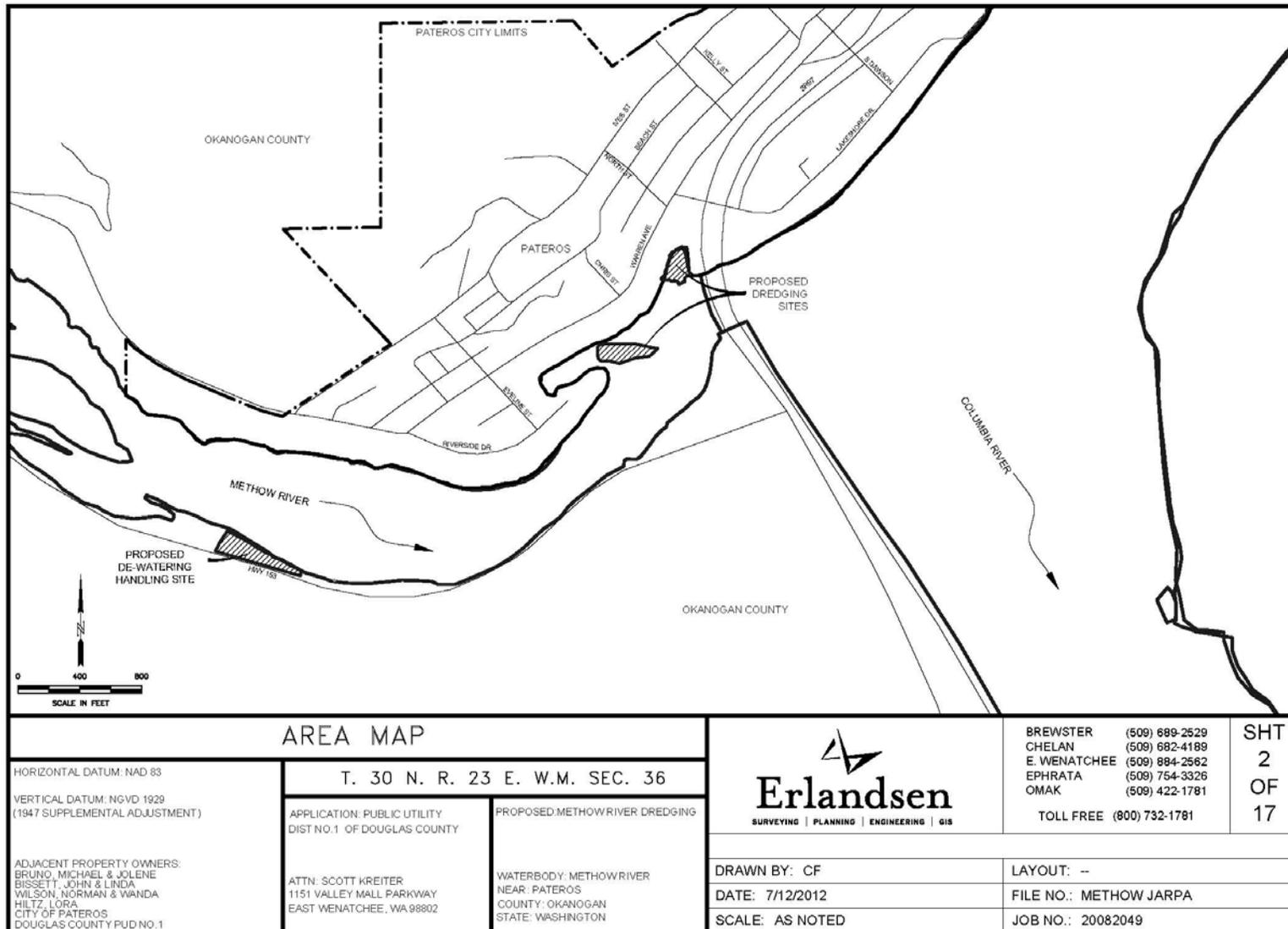


Figure 1. Vicinity Map

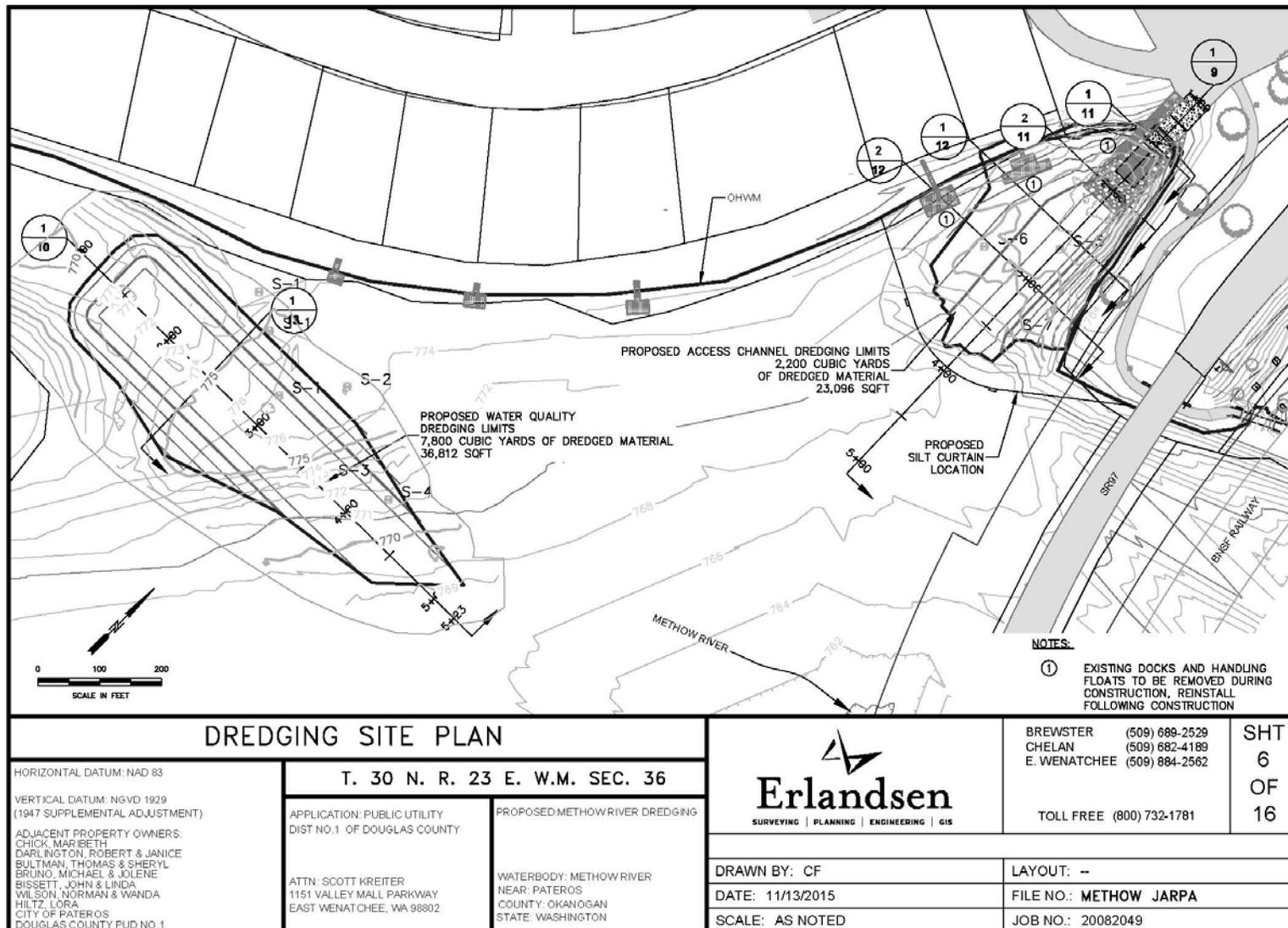


Figure 2. Dredging Site Plan