



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Seattle District



# Joint Public Notice

## Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

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**Public Notice Date: October 22, 2018**  
**Expiration Date: November 5, 2018**

**Reference No.: NWS-2018-681**  
**Name: Vaagen Timbers LLC. –**  
**Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)**  
**Facility**

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Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the U.S. as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated October 4, 2018.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws.

**APPLICANT:** Vaagen Timbers LLC.  
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**AGENT:** T-O Engineers  
Attention: Vince Barthels  
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Spokane, WA 99201  
Telephone: (509) 319-2580

**LOCATION:** 1245 N. Highway, Colville, WA 99114

**WORK:** The applicant proposes to place fill in 1.89 acres of wetland linked to the development of a building apron for a manufacturing facility.

**PURPOSE:** Develop a Cross Laminated Timber (CLT), Glulam, and Finger Jointed Lumber manufacturing facility, with associated parking, landscaping, and stormwater features in the Light Industrial (L-I) District within the City of Colville, Stevens County, Washington.

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The project will bring manufacturing jobs to the Colville area and represents a compatible industrial use that will utilize the raw wood products produced by the adjacent Vaagen Brothers Lumber. This project will produce CLT, Glulam, and Finger Jointed Lumber products that are needed in the construction industry throughout the region.

Earthwork for the manufacturing facility will be completed by using excavators, backhoes, dump trucks, skid steers, and compacting equipment. Structural fill and concrete will be imported to construct the buildings, aprons, and interior roadways per plan. Earthwork below an elevation of 1551 (NAV 88) will occur in the delineated wetland area.

The proposed site design requires that several portions of wetlands be permanently impacted. These anticipated wetland impacts have been identified and evaluated in a Wetland Delineation Report completed by J-U-B (2018). The wetland impacts include a total of 1.89 acres of (category III) sloped wetlands.

The wetland boundaries shown on the project drawings have not yet been verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). If the Corps determines the boundaries of the wetlands are substantially inaccurate a new public notice may be published.

**MITIGATION:** Mitigation for the Vaagen Timbers LLC. Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) Facility Project will enhance an existing (onsite) wetland area encompassing 6.435 acres. A total of 1,200 5-gallon nursery-sized plantings are proposed to be planted in the existing wetland area, which will result in a compensatory mitigation ration equating to 1.5 : 1. The proposed wetland enhancements will add woody vegetative stratification to the onsite wetland, and the enhanced wetland area will be designated into a perpetual deed restriction, recorded with Stevens County and the City of Colville.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. A preliminary determination indicates that the activity will not affect endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. Consultation under Section 7 of the ESA is not required.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect designated EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters. No further EFH consultation is necessary.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The Corps has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data and other sources of information. The Corps invites responses to this public notice from Native American Tribes or Tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns regarding historic properties and sites of religious and cultural significance at or near the project area. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate potential impacts and consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as appropriate.

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**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 public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

**EVALUATION – CORPS:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, 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 benefits, 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 is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. 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 activity.

**SOURCE OF FILL MATERIAL:** The source of the fill material (mixture of gravel, flowable concrete fill, pit run, clay, and native soils) will be sourced from a local commercial rock quarry. Some of the clay materials may be sourced from the site. Should a permit be issued, the Corps will evaluate the fill material source prior to the start of construction.

**EVALUATION – ECOLOGY:** Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

### **ADDITIONAL EVALUATION:**

The City of Colville has issued an exemption from the requirement of obtaining a Shorelines Substantial Development permit for this project.

**COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD:** Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

**CORPS COMMENTS:** All e-mail comments should be sent to [dale.j.jordan@usace.army.mil](mailto:dale.j.jordan@usace.army.mil). Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Jess Jordan, P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any

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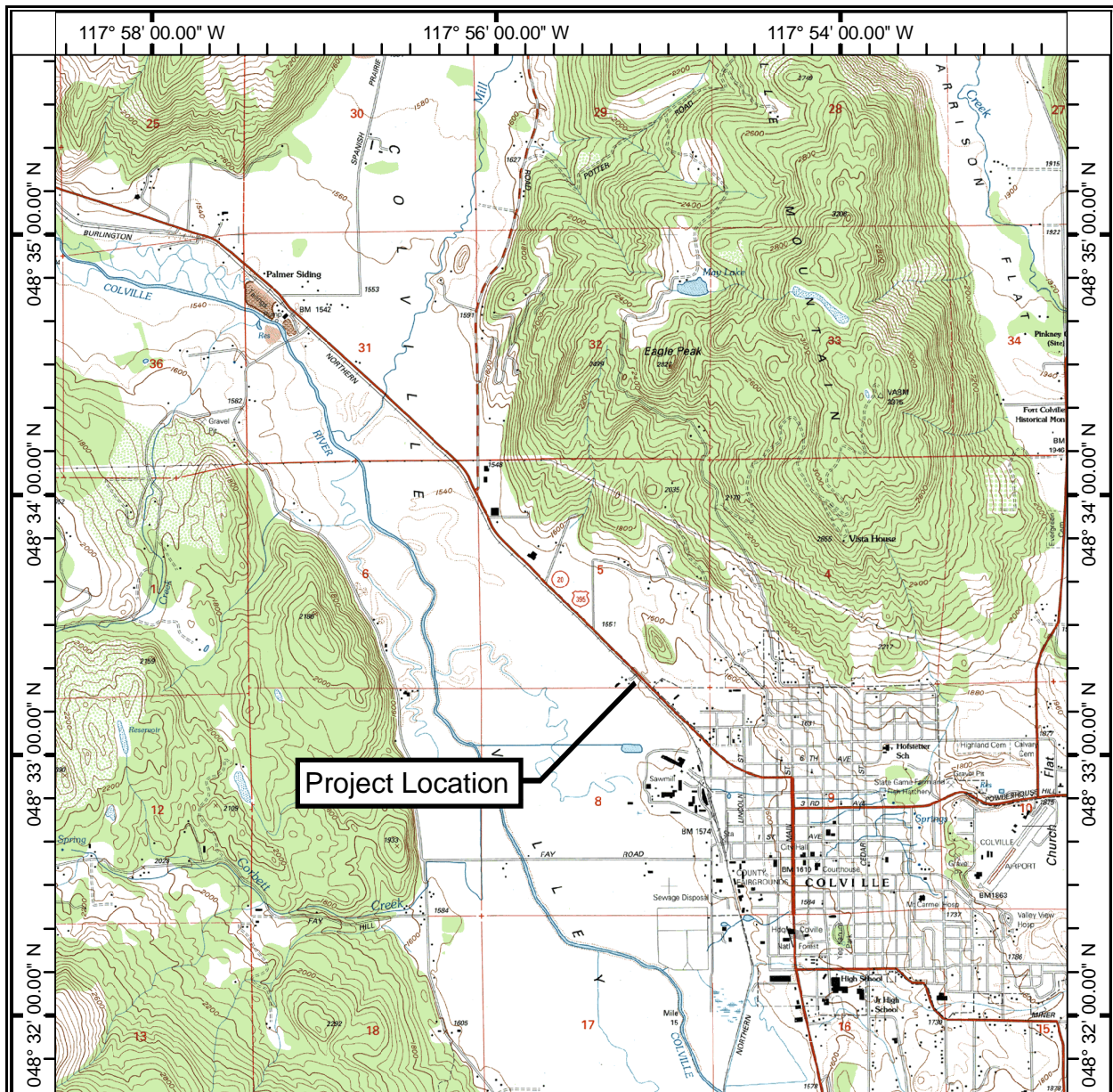
personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

ECOLOGY COMMENTS: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Washington State Department of Ecology, Attention: Federal Permit Coordinator, Post Office Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, or e-mail to [ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov).

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Vaagen Timbers LLC. – Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) Facility; NWS-2018-681

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**DATUM:** NAD27

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**IN:** Sloped wetlands linked to Colville River Basin

**NEAR/AT:** Colville

**COUNTY:** Stevens **STATE:** WA

**SHEET** 1 OF 3

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0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 8000  
FEET  
1 inch = 4,000 ft.  
CONTOUR INTERVAL: 40 Feet

**VICINITY MAP**



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NOTE: EACH ALTERNATIVE FOOTPRINT ENCOMPASSES 10 ACRES.

#### LEGEND

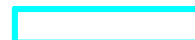
ALTERNATIVE 1



ALTERNATIVE 2



ALTERNATIVE 3



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CANNING DRIVE

N HWY 20  
FRONTAGE RD

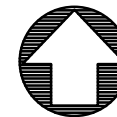
HANEY LUMBER

EXISTING LUMBER YARD

RAIL LINE

W 5TH AVE.

N RAILROAD ST



NOT TO SCALE



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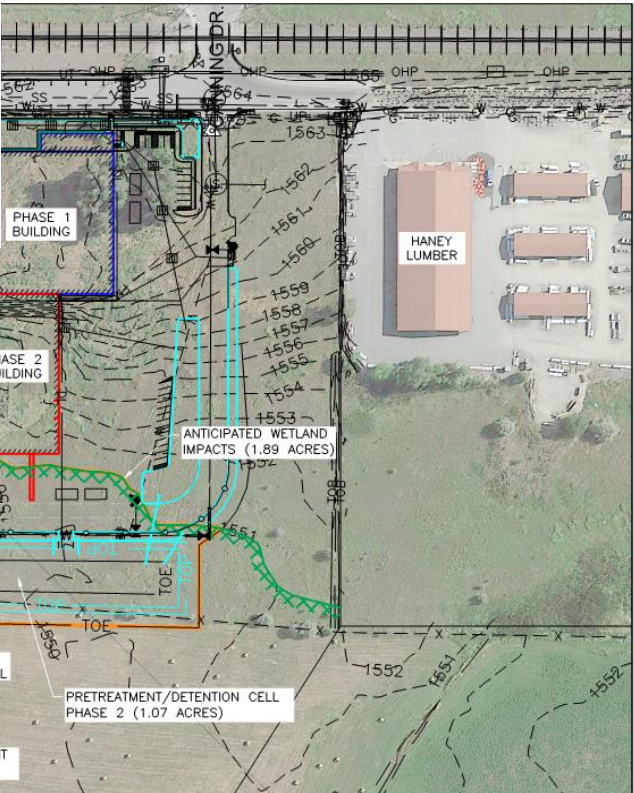
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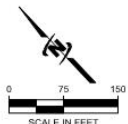
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**LEGEND**

- PHASE 1
- PHASE 2
- EXISTING STORMWATER FEATURES
- PROPOSED STORMWATER FEATURES
- PROPERTY LINE
- DELINEATED WETLAND BOUNDARY
- PROPOSED FENCE
- ANTICIPATED WETLAND IMPACTS



TREES/SHRUBS FOR ENHANCEMENT/MITIGATION PRESCRIBED PLANTING AREAS			
	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	QUANTITY
	COYOTE WILLOW	<i>Salix exigua</i>	200
	GOLDEN WILLOW	<i>Salix alba</i>	200
	BLACK HAWTHORN	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	400
	QUAKING ASPEN	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	400
BUFFER STRIP PRESCRIBED PLANTING AREAS			
	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	QUANTITY
	BLACK COTTONWOOD	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	380



VAAGEN TIMBERS, LLC  
CONCEPTUAL MITIGATION EXHIBIT (70%)  
PHASE 2