

Information for File # 2008-05609-JRS

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This application is being reviewed in accordance with the practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Sections 9 & 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act identified in Regulatory Guidance Letter 07-01. We have made a preliminary determination that the aquatic resources that would be impacted by the proposed project are regulated by the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Our jurisdictional review and final jurisdictional determination could result in modifications to the scope of the project's regulated waterbody/wetland impacts and compensatory mitigation requirements identified above. An approved jurisdictional determination will be made prior to reaching a permit decision, and will be posted on the St. Paul District web page at <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/>.

Project: The Bass Bay-Indian Point Road Association is proposing to construct an approximate 3 mile access road for properties located on Indian Point, which is adjacent to Lake Vermilion. Currently there is no road access to the properties. Property access is currently achieved by boat or snowmobile, depending on season. This road would also be utilized by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to implement logging operations.

LINEAR PROJECT: The proposed road would exit off Mud Creek Road and run west to the end of Indian Point.

NAME, AREA AND TYPES OF WATERS (INCLUDING WETLANDS) SUBJECT TO LOSS: The current road alignment would require the discharge of fill material into 1.1 acres of wetland adjacent to Bass Lake and Lake Vermilion. The alignment would also require the crossing of one seasonal tributary to Rice Bay

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: A no build alternative was considered for the project. This would not meet project goals to provide a more reliable and safe access to the Indian Point property owners. Several other road alignments were considered but eliminated as the current proposed alignment is the most efficient way to pass through the parcels while minimizing wetland impact. Six bridge crossings were also considered for the project, but were eliminated as options due to economic feasibility.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to purchase wetland credits from a Corps approved wetland bank.

Drawings See attached.



Legend

- Road Alignment
- - - Trails
- Watersheds
- Public Land Survey



Figure 1
 SITE LOCATION
 MAP
 Bass Bay Road
 St. Louis County



- Legend**
-  Trails
 -  Potential Culvert Locations
 -  Road Alignment
 -  Wetland Delineations
 -  Public Land Survey

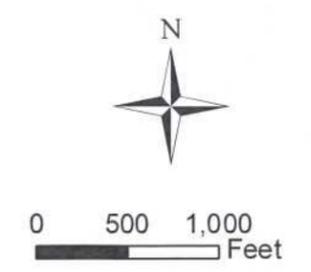


Figure 3
**FINAL ROAD
 ALIGNMENT**
 Bass Bay Road
 St. Louis County