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Corps of Engineers seeks public comments on Dream Catcher Hotels/Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

WILMINGTON, N.C. - The Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has received an application from Dream Catcher Hotels/Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, on behalf of the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise, seeking Department of the Army authorization to permanently impact 0.022 acre of wetland and temporarily impact 45 linear feet of stream in order to expand Harrah's Casino Resort on Qualla Boundary, Jackson County, North Carolina. The applicant also seeks after-the-fact authorization for impacts to 0.961 acre of on-site wetlands.

Comments received will be considered by the USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects and all other appropriate public interest factors. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The Public Notice, including specific plans and site information, is available on the Wilmington District Web Site at http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryPermitProgram/PublicNotices.aspx.

Comments must be received by close of business on October 5, 2018, and may be addressed to Ms. Lori Beckwith, Asheville Regulatory Field Office, 151 Patton Ave., Room 208, Asheville, N.C. 28801.

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