

COMMENT FORM

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Chapter, Section or Appendix Number/Letter	Page Number	Paragraph	Comment or Recommended Change
General Comments			There is not enough detail provided about the specific design or impacts to select the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) at this point. USACE would require this information if a permit application is received.
			There is not enough detail provided to determine compliance with 404(b)(1) guidelines. Supplemental information and/or a supplemental EIS may be necessary if the EIS does not provide enough analysis to meet our regulatory requirements. Supplemental information should include additional discussion of Alternative routes and Alternative designs that would avoid or minimize impacts to Waters of the United States. USACE would require this information if a permit application is received.
2.1.1.2	2-3	Rail Line Access Road	Project description does not explain the need for an access road after construction of the railroad. Additional information is required.
4.5		Wetland Resources	Recommend including a table of quantitative data for the wetland functions for each of the alternatives. How many acres of Low, Medium, High functioning wetlands for each of the alternatives.
12	12-6	Table 12-1	"Unnamed Water Body" with an U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Navigation Status of "Navigable". Is this Water Body subject to the ebb and flow of the tide?