

**Georgia Department of Natural Resources**

**To Hold**

**A Public Hearing Open House**

**For the SR-135/US 221 Bridge Replacement over the Altamaha River**

**Jeff Davis County**

On Tuesday, October 17 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GDNR), in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), will hold a public hearing open house regarding the proposed change of use of heritage preserve property at Bullard Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in association with GDOT project CSBRG-0007-00(037) in Jeff Davis County, P.I. #0007037. The public hearing open house will be held at the Heritage Center in Towns Bluff Park located at 45 Riverwood Trail, Hazlehurst, GA 31539 on October 17, 2017 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM.

This public hearing will explain the change of use required from a portion of Bullard Creek WMA to re-construct the SR-135/US 221 Bridge over the Altamaha River in Jeff Davis County. There will be no formal presentation. A court reporter will be available to allow the public an opportunity to make verbal comments about the project.

The proposed project would require 3.956 acres of permanent easement from Bullard Creek WMA to change the traffic approach onto the new bridge and then to remove the old bridge once the new bridge is completed. To minimize the impact to the WMA, GDOT will use silt fence, hay bales, fabric and rock ditch check dams, and riprap, as needed, to control erosion during construction, followed by the removal of these erosion-control materials and degrading and grassing to return the land, as much as possible, to its original condition after construction.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information: The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling Byron Cowart at 912-530-4453.

Written public comment will be received through Monday, October 30, 2017. Comments should be legible, concise and limited to the proposed permanent easement. Written statements may be submitted to Daniel Brown, Georgia Department of Natural Resources: Real Estate Office, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 1352 East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.