



# SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE NWW IDAHO WETLAND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES PROTOCOL (WESP- ID) CREDIT CALCULATOR TOOL

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT**

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District Regulatory Division (USACE) announces the release of the NWW WESP-ID Credit Calculator Tool. This tool has been developed to assist in determining required compensatory mitigation based on the impact to wetlands and their functions and values as derived from the Idaho Wetland Ecosystems Services Protocol (WESP-ID), a wetland functional assessment methodology developed for use in Idaho. The tool will provide three (3) services to the Walla Walla District Mitigation Program:

1. Facilitate no net loss of wetland functions and values by evaluating scientific-based ecological principles and by comparing functions and values of both mitigation and impact (credit and debit) sites.
2. Provide a consistent procedure for evaluating predictive and final credit amounts for mitigation bank sites and in-lieu fee program sites.
3. Provide a consistent method of evaluation for permittee-responsible mitigation plans.

The NWW WESP-ID Credit Calculator Tool consists of a user manual and an Excel® spreadsheet containing two calculators. The Credit Calculator Tool converts WESP-ID scores to ratings (Lower, Moderate, Higher) for each of the following wetland attributes: Water Storage & Delay; Stream Flow & Temperature Support; Sediment Retention & Stabilization; Phosphorus Retention; Nitrate Removal; Organic Nutrient Export; Aquatic Primary Productivity; Fish Habitat; Amphibian & Turtle Habitat; Waterbird Habitat; Raptor & Songbird Habitat; Keystone Mammal Habitat; Native Plant Diversity; Pollinator Habitat; Wildfire Resistance; Carbon Stock; Cultural or Recreational Use; Wetland Stressors. For each attribute, the scores and ratings represent a particular wetland's standing relative to those in a systematically chosen sample of wetlands previously assessed throughout Idaho.

The NWW WESP-ID Credit Calculator manual can be obtained from the District's website at: <https://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Business-With-Us/Regulatory-Division/Mitigation/>. To obtain a copy of the accompanying Excel® spreadsheet calculator, please contact the Regulatory Division at [lia.e.landowski@usace.army.mil](mailto:lia.e.landowski@usace.army.mil) or (986) 810-0177.

**The Corps is soliciting comments from users' experience with implementing the NWW WESP-ID Credit Calculator during a one-year period (February 2026-February 2027). In particular, we are interested in:**

- Problem situations encountered and possible approaches for addressing them.
- Apparent incorrect results.
- Examples of the method's use in the regulatory context, or in other management contexts.

Comments can be submitted to [lia.e.landowski@usace.army.mil](mailto:lia.e.landowski@usace.army.mil) or to the mailing address below:

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