

PHASE IV DEBRIS REMOVAL SURVEY
Preliminary Environmental Unit Review

Waterway: 7303, Whitemel Canal

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Checklist of Environmental Factors – Assess the potential for impacts to the following resources/areas and coordinate as necessary:

Habitat/environmental sensitivity

Do no physical harm to wetland. Stay in waterway.

Threatened/endangered species

Cultural/historical resources

Oyster habitat

State/federal/tribal lands

Survey area includes Elm Hall Wildlife Management Area, contact is (337) 948 – 0255.

Scenic waterway

Summary and Conclusions of Environmental Review:

Habitat/environmental sensitivity: Forested wetland

Threatened/endangered species: Assumption Parish is known to be inhabited by nesting bald eagles.

Although removed from the List of Endangered and Threatened Species, it continues to be protected under the MBTA and BGEP (see consultation memo for more information).

Cultural/historical resources: Not known at this time.

Oyster habitat: None in this area.

State/federal/tribal lands: Southern tip of survey area includes the LA Dept Wildlife and Fisheries, Elm Hall Wildlife Management Area (see additional Elm Hall map in case file). Contact is (337) 948 – 0255.

Scenic waterway: Not a scenic waterway