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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from February 15 to March 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

- **Mississippi Palisades State Park**

0710364 - This project involves the trimming and/or removal of a small number of trees on the talus slope at the base of the bluff below the formation. Project was submitted for review on 2-6-07.
- **Cache River State Natural Area**

0707766 - This project involves the construction of a wetland complex. The project will consist of constructing two water impoundments approximately 13.0 acres and 17.5 acres in size. Fill required for dam structures will be obtained from within the wetland pool area. Other improvements include construction of a 3-4 car parking lot and an accessible trail leading to an observation area overlooking the wetlands. Project was submitted for review on 12-15-06.
- **Prairie Ridge State Natural Area**

0707435 - This project will remove brush along wooded waterways to create open horizons for threatened and endangered grassland birds. Project was submitted for review on 11-16-06.
- **Wildlife Prairie State Park**

0711873 - This project will include installation of Bendway Weirs supplemented by Stone Toe Protection to stabilize the stream bank. Project was submitted for review on 3-1-07.
- **Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park**

0710998 - This project will plant trees on the frontage road tract. Project was submitted for review on 1-11-07.
- **Starved Rock State Park**

0710365 - This project involves the planting of trees and shrubs in designated areas. Project was submitted for review on 2-5-07.
- **Tunnel Hill State Trail**

0710984 - This project involves the construction of a 30' x 60' pole barn building at the site headquarters. Project was submitted for review on 2-22-07.
- **Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park**

0710541 - This project involves the installation of a boat dock to better accommodate users of the dual boat ramp. The dock will be a permanent structure, 4' x 12', with a short walkway. Project was submitted for review on 2-7-07.
- **I&M Canal - Buffalo Rock**

0709729 - This project will resurface existing roads and parking lots. Remove and replace existing culverts and a concrete gutter. Regrade a hillside and seed new slope to improve visibility on Dee Bennett Road. Project was submitted for review on 1-26-07.
- **Sand Ridge State Forest**

0705008 - This project will create 20 acres of diverse sand savanna through the use of heavy equipment to harvest undesirable trees and reduce the understory followed by seed bed preparation and seeding. Creation of 15 acres of diverse sand prairie using a bull hog forestry mower followed by bed preparation and seeding. Project was submitted for review on 10-11-06.
- **Marseilles Fish & Wildlife Area**

0711233 - This project involves the re-establishment of a trail on the abandoned Ruffus Lane roadbed. Project was submitted for review on 1-23-07.
- **Marseilles Fish & Wildlife Area**

0709670 - This project involves the re-establishment of a fence row on the boundaries of the training area. Approximately 300 meters of fence line will be cleared. Project was submitted for review on 1-23-07.

All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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