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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from November 15 to December 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.

- **Big River State Forest**

0804115 - This project involves the installation of new overhead electric utility poles to serve both IDNR and citizens adjacent to State property with new electric transmission lines. Project was submitted for review on 10-16-07.

- **Marseilles State Fish & Wildlife Area**

0806345 - This project involves the construction of a new drop structure upstream of washed out drop structure and repair the area where the old drop structure was constructed. Project was submitted for review on 11-9-07.

- **Stephen A. Forbes State Park**

0804120 - This project involves the replacement of two existing vehicle bridges. The existing bridges have wooden decking and railings and will be replaced with the same. In addition, the entrance road leading to the marina will be resurfaced. Project was submitted for review on 11-29-07.

- **Marseilles SF&WA / Marseilles Training Area**

0802091 - This project will cut a new 100 meter section of trail along the northeastern slope of the south gravel mine to facilitate the movement of mine overburden. Existing trail segment will be closed and reclaimed. Project was submitted for review on 8-16-07.

- **Castle Rock State Park**

0800312 - This project involves the construction of a new hunter parking area. Project was submitted for review on 7-6-07.

- **Saline County State Fish & Wildlife Area**

0800083 - This project involves the expansion of two small wetlands. The 4.0 - 6.0 acre area is a former crop field. Project was submitted for review on 7-2-07.

- **Sam Dale Lake Conservation Area**

0714839 - This project will resurface County Road 700E (Lake Road) from the east entrance to Sam Dale north to the intersection with County Road 2000N (Zenith Road). The total length will be approximately 0.86 miles. Project was submitted for review on 5-22-07.

- **I&M Canal**

0804256 - This project will make improvements in the I&M Canal to help alleviate flooding. Project will restore the canal to its near original prism approximately 900' east of the Independence Tube railroad crossing and restore approximately 400' of the Old Town Creek. A box culvert will be installed in the canals' south bank across Broadway Street and outlet to a drainage ditch between Independence Tube and the Glen-Gery Brick factory. Project was submitted for review on 10-17-07.

- **Jubilee College State Park**

0806652 - This project will reroute Plank trail. The existing trail is unsustainable as well as too steep of an incline. Project was submitted for review on 11-16-07.

- **I&M Canal State Trail**

0806865 - This project involves the removal of trees and other debris that is lodged against the upstream nosings of several of the Fox River Aqueduct's support piers. Install rip rap or other erosion control along the west shoreline and Pier 1's foundation to repair erosion damage and to reduce future erosion. Project was submitted for review on 12-12-07.

Questions and Comments

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