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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.

- **Pere Marquette State Park**

1303979 - This project involves replacing guard rails along Scenic Drive that are rotting, missing or no longer functional. These guard rails prevent the public from pulling off or driving off of the overlooks. Project was submitted for review on 9-7-12.

- **Eldon Hazlet State Park**

1306182 - This project involves installation of a 16 x 20 foot shelter. Also included will be an 18 x 22 foot concrete floor and sidewalk connecting to the Illini walking trail. Project was submitted for review on 11-8-12.

- **Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1306279 - This project involves re-surfacing a portion of the existing roadway and parking areas at Mermet Lake. Project was submitted for review on 11-14-12.

- **Cypress Pond State Natural Area**

1307296 - This project involves floodplain forest habitat restoration on sycamore plantations. Project activities will include mechanical removal and herbicide treatment on 30-60 acres to restore and enhance native forest species. 435 native tree seedlings per acre will be planted within the openings. Project was submitted for review on 11-8-12.

Questions and Comments

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

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