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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from May 15 to June 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.

- **IDNR Headquarters / Conservation World**

0714882 - This project involves the installation of 10 pedestals and 1000' of wire to provide electricity to campground. Project was submitted for review on 5-23-07.

- **Donnelley/DePue Fish & Wildlife Area**

0714849 - This project involves the installation of open cut water main pipe and well rehabilitation. Total length of pipe and construction would not exceed 100' in length or 40' in width. Project was submitted for review on 5-22-07.

- **Freeman Mine**

0713496 - This project involves the construction and erection of a 150' tall wind turbine with 100' long turbine blades. Project will also include the construction of a service road running from the NE corner of the property to the wind turbine. Other construction will include the creation of a foundation for the wind turbine. Project was submitted for review on 4-19-07.

- **Apple River Canyon State Park**

0714877 - This project involves the installation of stone toe protection and "lunker" fish habitat structures along the banks of Clear Creek and downstream along the north bank of the South Fork of the Apple River. These structures will provide erosion control and fish habitat. Project was submitted for review on 5-17-07.

- **I&M Canal**

0714862 - This project will install a permanent piece of tube into the canal bank. A removal tube will be inserted into the permanent one. The removable tube will be fitted with a winch attachment. This project will allow for easy lifting of the grating in time of emergency. Project was submitted for

review on 5-22-07.

- **Mermet Lake State Park**

0711851 - This project involves the removal of fallen and dead trees from the Walk in Hunting Area No. 2, which was severely damaged by a tornado. Fallen trees will be consolidated in a 10 acre area between the existing road and normal water levels. This will allow for prescribed burning to be used to prevent undesirable softwoods and undergrowth from overtaking the area. Project was submitted for review on 3-13-07.

- **Mermet Lake State Park**

0711850 - This project will expand an existing wetland area and repair a small levee. At the Office Wetland Area, a small ridge in a former cropfield is presently separating two shallow water wetland areas. This project is proposed to shave off the ridge to create a larger more diverse wetland. Project was submitted for review on 3-13-07.

- **Mermet Lake State Park**

0711854 - This project involves the repair of the North Levee and to maintain boat access lanes. The repair of the levee will likely require coring out unstable areas, adding compacted fill and re-contour the backside to match the original grades. There are 15 boat access lanes off the main levee road to access hunter blinds in the waterfowl hunting area. The lanes need sufficient depth and removal of any woody vegetation so as to maintain public access to designated blind sites. Project was submitted for review on 3-13-07.

- **Dixon Springs State Park**

0715133 - This project involves the re-surfacing of approximately 2.52 miles of existing roads, parking areas, and campsites within the State Park. Two existing bridges over Hills Branch will be replaced with new structures in the same location and approximate same size as existing structures. Project was submitted for review on 12-15-06.

- **Carlyle Lake WMA**

0713929 - This project involves the maintenance/rehabilitation on deteriorated levee sections encompassing Subimpoundment #3 at Carlyle Lake WMA. Eroded sections of Levee "D" shall be rehabilitated and stabilized at its current elevation of 450.0' without restricting the flood level of Hurricane Creek. Breached sections, longer than 100 feet, shall be filled and armored at an elevation of 447.5' MSL. Two sections of the west boundary, Levee "E", shall

also be rehabilitated into spillway sections. Embankment material shall be borrowed from an area located in the northeast corner of the subimpoundment currently used for agriculture production. Project was submitted for review on 5-1-07.

- **Wildlife Prairie State Park**

0715253 - This project involves the replacement of stairway to rental cabin. Project was submitted for review on 6-5-07.

- **Carlyle Lake Fish & Wildlife Area**

0503848 - This project involves the planting of RPM potted trees on new field 5, and wetland restoration on new field 6. Project was submitted for review on 5-15-05.

- **Riverdale Marina**

0715469 - This project involves the installation of two pumpouts and two hydrants with necessary plumbing and electrical lines. Project was submitted for review on 6-9-07.

- **Rock Island State Trail**

0715471 - This project involves the installation of a storm sewer which will outlet channeled run-off to the Rock Island Trail drainage ditch. Project was submitted for review on 6-9-07.

- **Chain O'Lakes State Park**

0715470 - This project involves the rehabilitation of recreational use facilities at the site's Oak Point Boat Access Area on the Fox River. Projects include: expand parking lot, construct concrete sidewalk, replace floating boarding docks

and concrete abutment piers, replace existing pit privy and replace with new vault toilet. Project was submitted for review on 6-9-07.

- **Mississippi Palisades State Park**

0714851 - This project involves the construction of a parking area. Area next to ORC field office will be used for equipment storage and parking. Project was submitted for review on 5-22-07.

- **Sanganois Conservation Area**

0715255 - An existing 70 acre agricultural field, referred to by site staff as Lemp Island, has been identified as a potential site to acquire suitable embankment material to repair existing levee systems. The field is located north of the Sangamon River and immediately west of the Cass County line. An existing travel corridor shall be used to transport materials from the proposed borrow location toward Cuba Island for levee access. Project was submitted for review on 6-5-07.

Questions and Comments

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

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