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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from April 15 to May 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.

- **Wildcat Hollow State Forest**

0503789 - This project involves the Construction of 6 ephemeral ponds and 2 shallow water wetlands for reptiles and amphibians at the forest. The wetland will be approximately 1.1 and 1.7 acres in size and the ponds will average approximately 20" in depth. Project was submitted for review on 4-13-05.

- **Weinberg King State Park**

0503484 - This project involves the resurfacing and upgrading of the existing road and parking areas within the vehicular campground, trail access, and hunter access areas at the site. Addition all work will include shoulder and ditch repair, new concrete wheel stops, striping, signage and landscaping. Project was submitted for review on 3-28-05.

- **Little Rock Creek Habitat Area**

0503694 - This project involves the development of a 7/10 acre shallow water wetland on existing crop field by constructing a 180' long berm with a 36" spillway pipe. Project was submitted for review on 4-11-05.

- **Harlem Hills**

0503695 - This project involves the emergency salvage of a variety of prairie plant species including the Federally threatened Prairie Bush Clover from the South Beloit Prairie and relocating them to an approximately 1500 sq. ft. area in a non-dedicated portion of Harlem Hills Nature Preserve. Project was submitted for review on 4-11-05.

- **Rock Cut State Park**

0503739 - This project involves the construction of two 16' x 24' shelters. The structures will be located in the Youth Camping Area on the north shore of Pierce Lake. Project was submitted for review on 4-11-05.

- **Pyramid State Park**

0503950 - This project involves the creation of a 160-240 acre shallow water wetland that will be managed for moist-soil plants and/or flooded cereal grain crops. Project was submitted for review on 4-29-05.

- **Sahara Woods**

0503104 - This project involves the installation of a 161 kV overhead power line through the site by the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative. The line will be approximately 9200' in length and follow a 120' maintained corridor. Project was submitted for review on 2-23-05.

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

0503285 - This project involves the demolition of a 15' x 15' wooden frame building on Duck Island. Project was submitted for review on 3-10-05.

- **Prairie Ridge State Natural Area**

0503565 - This project involves the use of heavy equipment to remove invasive brush from certain areas of the site. The brush will be piled, burned, and the debris buried with a follow up treatment of herbicide to the stumps. Project was submitted for review on 3-30-05.

Questions and Comments

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

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