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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.

- **Prairie Ridge State Natural Area**

1212161 - This project involves erosion control using heavy equipment to develop grass waterways per USDA-NRCS specifications. Erosion was caused by past agricultural practices. Project was submitted for review on 4-3-12.

- **Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area**

1212908 - This project involves various improvements and repairs to the Rend Lake Resort. Three areas will require site disturbance: construction of a new Boatel building, which will be located between the existing Flagship Boatel and the Schooner Boatel; construction of an outdoor events center; and construct a fixed pier to connect to Windows Restaurant. Project was submitted for review on 4-16-12.

- **Giant City State Park**

1212064 - This project involves repairs or replacement of pedestrian walkways and steps at the front of the Giant City Lodge. Project was submitted for review on 4-2-12.

- **Sielbeck Forest Land & Water Reserve**

1212827 - This project involves repairs to Sielbeck Road, which was damaged from the flood events in the spring of 2011. All repairs will be confined to the footprint of the existing road and existing ditches. Project was submitted for review on 4-13-12.

- **Wildlife Prairie State Park**

1208679 - This project involves the construction of four baseball fields. Project was submitted for review on 2-9-12.

- **Siloam Springs State Park**

1210039 - This project involves replacing a failed culvert, placing a concrete headwall, and repairing a sinkhole in the park road. Project was submitted for review on 3-6-12.

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

1210176 - This project involves repairs to facilities damaged in the spring of 2011 flooding. Repairs consist of the following: reinforcing the lake side of the main levee at several areas and replace an existing culvert. Project was submitted for review on 3-7-12.

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

1211779 - This project involves plans to hydrotest a segment of the Gulf Coast 3 pipeline. This work will require excavation of the existing pipeline to fill and discharge water from the pipe segment. Project was submitted for review on 3-28-11.

- **Lowden-Miller State Forest**

1207779 - This project involves rehabilitation of approximately 4 miles of trails in the Lowden-Miller State Forest. Project was submitted for review on 1-25-12.

- **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

1212928 - This project involves restoring positive drainage to two lakes located within the Milan Flood Protection levee system. Mississippi and Rock River flooding over the past years has silted in these "once existing" drainage ditches", raising water levels in the lakes and impacting the tow of the flood prevention levee system. Restoration of these ditches and lowering lake water elevations would provide compliance with Corps of Engineer levee maintenance requirements. Project was submitted for review on 4-16-12.

- **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

1213891 - This project involves restoration to the Lock 33 residence. The existing window wells will be replaced, as well as backfilling to the original grade around the residence to provide for positive drainage away from the foundation. Project was submitted for review on 5-2-12.

- **Sanganois Conservation Area**

1210282 - This project involves upgrades to the Baker Unit. The Baker Unit consists of 80 acres, surrounded by a low levee on all sides. Project was submitted for review on 3-8-12.

- **Sanganois Conservation Area**

1210283 - This project involves digging a ditch from the northwest corner of the Baker Unit to parking lot #8 at the south end of the Walk-In Unit. Project was submitted for review on 3-8-12.

- **Sanganois Conservation Area**

1211654 - This project involves digging a ditch 2640' long and 10' wide. The underbrush will be clear on about 20 acres. Project was submitted for review on 3-8-12.

Questions and Comments

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

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