

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from January 15 to February 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.

- **Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area**

1706329 - This project involves removal of large invasive shrubs and medium size trees in prairie lands by means of a hydro-axe. Project was submitted for review on 1-17-17.

- **Washington County State Recreation Area**

1705670 - This project involves the replacement of 9 existing boat docks within Washington County SRA. Project was submitted for review on 12-27-16.

- **Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park**

1707046 - This project involves mechanical mowing under power lines to control brush and vegetative growth for service and reliability. Project was submitted for review on 2-9-17.

- **Sand Ridge State Forest**

1706738 - This project involves the demolition of two vault toilets in the Turkey Pass day use area. Project was submitted for review on 2-1-17.

- **Cache River State Natural Area**

1610316 - This project involves a land exchange between an adjacent landowner and the Cache River SNA. Both parcels are approximately 0.5 acres. The exchange benefits IDNR because it eliminates essentially a small inholding and the land to be acquired is at a lower elevation. This will assist with management of the Lower Cache River. Project was submitted for review on 5-4-16.

- **Stephen A. Forbes State Park**

1705915 - This project involves demolition of an old wooden barn which is falling down and presenting a safety hazard. Also, the backside of the dam and the emergency spillway at the Redear Pond needs repairs to stabilize erosion and gullyng. Project was submitted for review on 1-6-17.

- **Fern Rocks Nature Preserve**

1706527 - This project involves replacement of stairs located at the halfway point of the Trillium Trail, located within the Fern Rocks Nature Preserve. Project was submitted for review on 1-24-17.

- **Franklin Creek State Natural Area**

1706438 - This project involves wetland restoration along Franklin Creek. Project was submitted for review on 1-20-17.

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

1705401 - This project involves pond maintenance, minor road repairs, and brush clearing. Project was submitted for review on 12-16-16.

- **Kankakee River State Park**

1706333 - This project involves mechanical removal of invasive species (such as Autumn Olive, Bush Honeysuckle, Multiflora Rose, and Buckthorn. Project was submitted for review on 1-18-17.

- **Trail of Tears State Forest**

1706506 - This project involves more active management of Trail of Tears SF. A primary goal of the Trail of Tears State Forest Habitat Management Plan is to restore oak forest/woodlands and address the forest conversion from oak/hickory to beech/maple. Project was submitted for review on 1-23-17.

- **Siloam Springs State Park**

1705513 - This project involves mechanical removal of invasive species (Autumn Olive and Bush Honeysuckle) throughout the park. Project was submitted for review on 12-21-16.

- **Fabyan Forest Preserve**

1612180 – The Office of Water Resources is financing the FPD of Kane County to remove the Fabyan Forest Preserve Causeway, an obstruction of the public waters of the Fox River. Project was submitted for review on 6-27-16.

- **Pyramid State Park**

1705894 - This project involves construction of two shallow wetlands at Pyramid SP. Project was submitted for review on 1-5-17.

- **Pere Marquette State Park**

1706358 - This project involves repairs to underground electric supply in the Equestrian Concessions location. Project was submitted for review on 1-18-17.

- **Matthiessen State Park**

1705889 - This project involves replacing the failed leach field at Matthiessen with a new leach field to the east of the failed one. Project was submitted for review on 1-5-17.

- **Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1706331 - This project involves removal of large invasive shrubs and medium sized trees. This project will open up these area to let the prairie grass grow to provide quality fields for pheasant hunting and field trials. Project was submitted for review on 1-17-17.

Questions and Comments

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