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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

submitted for review on 8-20-04.

Project reviews completed from August 15 to September 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 and 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.

- **Green River State Wildlife Area**

0405442 - This project adds one additional compartment to the previously approved timber stand improvement and sale project that is ongoing at the site. Project was submitted for review on 6-21-04.

- **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

0405782, 0401510 - This project involves the City of Rock Falls rehabilitating the old Railroad Bridge #7 to connect two sections of local trails. Improvements will provide for a load limit of 10,000 lbs. and have a rub rail affixed to the fin supports. Project was submitted for review on 7-2-04.

- **Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park**

0500849 - This project involves the installation of a french-drain the effluent of the current water softener system outside of the site's pump house. The drain will consist of a 6' x 8' x 4' deep hole filled with pea gravel and covered with a foot of top soil. Project was submitted for review on 8-30-04.

- **Iroquois County Conservation Area**

0500276 - This project involves the rehabilitation of an existing creek crossing at the Loda Pheasant Habitat Area. Work will consist of regrading the stream banks for approximately 100' on each side and replacing the rock within the streambed. Project was submitted for review on 7-24-04.

- **Saline County Conservation Area**

0500179 - This project involves, the construction of six 50' x 50' gravel parking lots along the sites management roads to support the hunting program on the north side of the site. Project was submitted for review on 7-18-04.

- **Sanganois Conservation Area**

0500698 - This project involves the repair of a 60' breach in the ridge that separates Coon Slough from the Sangamon River. The breach will be filled with #5 rip rap and sand that has been deposited in the slough during high water events. Project was

- **H. A. Gleason Nature Preserve**

0403709 - This project involves the creation of a 20-30 acre diverse sand prairie immediately east of the nature preserve through bulldozing and burning down pine trees and planting a seed mix of sand prairie species. In addition steps will be taken to control black locust and invasive native species on 15 acres within the boundaries of the preserve itself. Project was submitted for review on 7-24-04.

- **Horseshoe Lake (Madison County)**

0500092 - This project involves the preservation and interpretation of a Late Woodland/Mississippian mound at the park. Work items include the removal of underbrush and trees from the mound area, the construction of a 5' wide aggregate trail from the parking lot to the top of the mound, the construction of a small observation deck near the top of the mound, and interpretive signage. Project was submitted for review on 7-9-04.

- **Rock Cut State Park**

0405261 - This project involves the disposition of deer offal and unusable carcasses resulting from Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance and management efforts in north central Illinois. Discarded materials will be buried in the mown field behind the CWD Laboratory in accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Dead Animal Disposal Act.

- **Cave in Rock State Park**

0405270 - This project involves the renovation of the Riverfront Hiking Trail that leads from the main parking lot to the cave at the park. Approximately 650' of eroded trail will be graded, shaped, and reinforced with gravel and rip rap. Project was submitted for review on 7-15-04.

- **Wildlife Prairie Park**

0500848 - This project involves the construction of a standard restroom facility in the fishing area located south on Powering Road. Project was submitted for review on 8-27-04.

- **Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park**

0500850 - This project involves the replacement of a rotted deck bridge with a rock ford. Work would include the sloping of both approaches to the crossing and spreading 3" of rock to allow hikers to cross safely. Project was submitted for review on 8-30-04.

- **Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park**

0500851 - This project involves the installation of a dry hydrant along the shore of Johnson Lake at the east end of the Tecumseh parking lot. Project was submitted for review on 8-

30-04.

● **Marseilles Fish and Wildlife Area**

0500134 - This project involves the clearing of brush and brushy invasive species on approximately 15 acres of ground to establish open grassland and a bivouac site for the National Guard. A single lane trail will be established around the site for access. Project was submitted for review on 7-7-04.

● **Jubilee College State Park**

0500233 - This project involves the relocation of approximately 1700' of equestrian trail that was impacted by the recent road improvements to Thousand Dollar Road. Project was submitted for review on 7-20-04.

● **Sand Ridge State Forest**

0500234 - This project involves the installation of a water line from the Fish Hatchery well house to Horseman's Park Campground, Mud Turtle Parking Area, and Horseman's Park Overflow. The lines will follow the county highway, fire lane, trail system, and brome field. Project was submitted for review on 7-20-04.

● **Rock Island State Trail**

0501079 - This project involves the installation of a fiber optic cable underneath the trail in the town of Alta. The work will be done by Caterpillar Inc. and will be directionally bored at a depth of 48". Project was submitted for review on 9-20-04.

● **North Point Marina**

0501087 - This project involves the construction of a gravel surface parking lot for storage of boats during the off season and boat trailers during the boating season. Project was submitted for review on 9-20-04.

● **Randolph County Conservation Area**

0501106 - This project involves the construction of a retaining wall for erosion protection on the point of land next to the dam. The wall will be 3' tall and approximately 65' long. Project was submitted for review on 9-21-04.

● **Miller Anderson Nature Preserve**

0501057 - This project involves the construction of a 5-10 car hunter parking lot for seasonal use by the Deer Reduction Program at the preserve. The lot will be crushed gravel with a control gate and used within limitations of site rules. Project was submitted for review on 9-21-04.

● **Edward Madigan State Park**

0500402 - This project involves improvements to existing visitor use facilities within the park to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Locations of the improvements will be at the Service Area, Picnic Area #1 West and East, Nature & Jogging Trail, Canoe Launch, and Picnic Area #3. Project was submitted for review on 7-29-04

● **Rice Lake**

0402981 - This project involves the clearing of approximately 400 yards of levee and the addition of 2 18" tubes and gates to provide 5 additional acres of flooded timber for the refuge. Project was submitted for review on 1-21-04.

● **Jubilee College State Park**

0500728 - This project involves the conversion of old field into agricultural land for a period of 3-5 years at which time it will be planted to prairie. Project was submitted for review on 8-10-04.

● **Fox Ridge State Park**

0500424 - This project involves the evaluation and replacement with culverts of 10 bridges located on the Acorn Avenue Trail. In addition, approximately 400' of the Natures Corner Trail will be relocated around a ravine to avoid the replacement of an existing bridge. Project was submitted for review on 8-4-04.

Questions and Comments

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

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