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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project was submitted for review on 8-13-04.

Project reviews completed from July 15 to August 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.

- **Marseilles Fish & Wildlife Area**

0403028 - This project involves the Department of Military Affairs conducting rappelling operations off of a cliff face along South Kickapoo Creek at the site. Project was submitted for review on 1-22-04.

- **Volo Bog State Natural Area**

0500217 - This project involves the construction of a 20' x 24' recirculating water garden immediately adjacent to the site Visitor Center. The pond will be 2' deep and be used as an interpretive tool for the site. Project was submitted for review on 7-20-04.

- **Rock Cut State Park**

0500030 - This project involves the installation of a new septic field under the existing parking lot adjacent to the Rock Cut CWD Lab. Project was submitted for review on 7-6-04.

- **Ray Norbut Fish & Wildlife Area**

0404919 - This project involves improvements to the Hunter Check Station and Parking Area in order to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Work items will include concrete parking spaces and sidewalk, new asphalt/concrete hunter blind pad, and grading and drainage improvements. Project was submitted for review on 5-28-04.

- **Horseshoe Lake (Alexander County)**

0401192 - This project involves the removal of a large log jam on the downstream side of the spillway. The logs will be pulled out with a trackhoe, stacked on the shore, and the piles burned. Project was submitted for review on 9-9-03.

- **Chain O'Lakes State Park**

0500646 - This project involves the repair/replacement of a failing sheet piling sea wall along the rental boat channel's south side. In addition, the sidewalk that lies over the repair area will be removed and replaced upon completion of construction.

- **Wolf Creek**

0500654 - This project involves the relocation of the existing boat docks at Eagle Creek to Wolf Creek's high water boat ramp. Project was submitted for review on 8-20-04.

- **Apple River Canyon State Park**

0500164 - This project involves the repair and protection of approximately 250' of badly eroded stream bank upstream of the bridge on Canyon Park Road. Project was submitted for review on 7-13-04.

- **Wildlife Prairie Park**

0500497 - This project involves the moving of an existing trail alignment to improve the grade and make it more user friendly. Project was submitted for review on 8-9-04.

- **Saline County Conservation Area**

0500116 - This project involves the improvement to 4-5 existing campsites at the equestrian campground and 3-4 existing campsites at the north side camp ground. Work will include the installation of 14' x 65' gravel pads for the accommodation of recreational vehicles. Project was submitted for review on 7-12-04.

- **Apple River Canyon State Park**

0500162 - This project involves the installation of a split rail fence on top of the bluff behind the site's office. Project was submitted for review on 6-22-04.

- **Ray Norbut State Fish & Wildlife Area**

0500275 - This project involves improvements to the existing Naples-Russell Trail. Project elements include the application of wood chips, installation of signage, and placement of bollards at the trail head to prevent vehicular access. Project was submitted for review on 7-23-04.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

0500031 - This project involves the development of a trail access spur from the town homes on Wegner Road along a fire break to its intersection with the existing trail spur that comes from the Whitetail Prairie Day Use Area. Project was submitted for review on 7-7-04.

Questions and Comments

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

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