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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

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, 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.

- **Sahara Woods**

0700638 - This project involves the removal and salvaging of abandoned railroad tracks and ties from Sahara Woods SFWA. The existing railroad ballast will be lightly graded and leveled. Project was submitted for review on 7-26-06.

- **Giant City State Park**

0700053 - This project involves the renovation of Devil's Standtable Trail which consists of widening the trail for approximately 60 yards from the middle of the trail to the exit. Rip-rap a creek bank in order to keep the trail from eroding. Project was submitted for review on 7-5-06.

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

0601835 - This project involves the construction of ephemeral wetlands. By constructing an earthen levee across existing swales, seasonally flooded wetlands can be

created. Project was submitted for review on 10-25-05.

- **Jubilee College State Park**

0701183 - This project involves the construction of two 40 foot by 40 foot parking lots to be used by hunters and visitors. The lots will consist of crushed limestone.

- **Kaskaskia River State Fish & Wildlife Area**

0604295 - This project provides for waterfowl habit and hunter access improvements. The heavy equipment crew will clear brush and invasive willow species. In addition, a channel will be dug to provide site management staff and hunter access between Horseshoe Lake and Fish Lake during low water. Material will be spoiled adjacent to channel. Project was submitted for review on 5-13-06

Questions and Comments

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

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