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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.

- **Jubilee College State Park**

0502315 - This project proposes to reroute a heavily used trail (Supt. Seep Trail) to a more acceptable grade and a more sustainable trail design. Project was submitted for review on 12-29-04.

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0502314 - This project proposes to reroute a heavily used trail (Horse Camp Trail) to a more acceptable grade and a more sustainable trail design. Project was submitted for review on 12-29-04.

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0502310 - This project proposes to reroute a heavily used trail (Lovers Leap Trail) to a more acceptable grade and a more sustainable trail design. Project was submitted for review on 12-29-04.

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0502313 - This project proposes to reroute a heavily used trail (Day - Use Trail) to a more acceptable grade and a more sustainable trail design. Project was submitted for review on 12-29-04.

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0502312 - This project proposes to reroute a heavily used trail (100 Mile Meadow Trail) to a more acceptable grade and a more sustainable trail design. Project was submitted for review on 12-29-04.

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0502309 - This project proposes to reroute a heavily used trail (Little Devil Trail) to a more acceptable grade and a more sustainable trail design. Project was submitted for review on 12-29-04.

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0502311 - This project proposes to reroute a heavily used trail (Mitchell Meadow Trail) to a more acceptable grade and a more sustainable trail design. Project was submitted for review on 12-29-04.

- **Kaskaskia River Fish & Wildlife Area**

0713194 - This project involves the construction of a 3 foot high terrace levee surrounding an existing 15 acre field. This area will be a wetland unit used for waterfowl hunting and rest area purposes. Project was submitted for review on 4-12-07.

- **Rend Lake Fish & Wildlife Area**

0713812 - This project involves the construction of an earthen levee on two sides of a low lying field. The levee will have a maximum height of 4 feet and slopes of at least 8:1. All borrow will come from adjacent area to be flooded. Project was submitted for review on 4-8-07.

- **Rend Lake Fish & Wildlife Area**

0713814 - This project involves the construction of an earthen levee across an existing swale. The levee will have a maximum height of 4 feet and slopes of at least 8:1. All borrow will come from adjacent area to be flooded. Project was submitted for review on 4-8-07.

- **Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park**

0801286 - This project involves the removal of old blacktop behind the house in order to plant grass and trees. Project was submitted for review on 8-1-07.

- **Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park**

0801288 - This project involves the removal of sediment from the creek bottom to create better water flow to the Lake. Sediment removed will be hauled to where it can drain and then be used for fill throughout the park. Project was submitted for review on 8-1-07.

- **Kankakee River State Park**

0801402 - This project involves the installation of a dry hydrant for Custer Township Volunteer Fire Department. The proposed consists of an input channel with a screened opening in the river bottom that leads to a sump pit on land beside the boat launch where a dry hydrant standpipe will allow water to be pumped up to fill the tankers. Project was submitted for review on 8-2-07.

- **Volo Bog State Natural Area**

0801216 - This project involves the removal of exotic trees and shrubs from a 30 acre parcel using a hydro-axe. Once cleared, the parcel will be planted to grassland bird habitat. Project was submitted for review on 5-29-07.

- **Bull Valley Hunt Club**

0715282 - This project involves the removal of 2 rows of trees using a hydro-axe and tree shear. Once the exotic and aggressive native trees are removed, the 6 acres will be planted to grassland bird habitat as in the surrounding area. Project was submitted for review on 5-29-07.

- **Lake in the Hills Fen**

0801218 - This project involves the removal of silt and vegetation debris so the drainage ditch functions as intended. This would be accomplished by using a low ground pressure tracked excavator to excavate the ditch from 4" to 12" deeper over a distance of approximately 1,200'. Project was submitted for review on 7-31-07.

- **Starved Rock State Park**

0801216 - This project involves hand clearing of 15 feet of Ameren Right of Way across Department property. Project was submitted for review on 8-1-07.

- **Illinois River Sands Area**

0714491 - This project involves removal of unwanted woody species. Broadcast native seeds into disturbed areas. Use of prescribed fire and hand thinning of non-native invasive species to maintain property. Project was submitted for review on 5-14-07.

- **Mettler Woods**

0714493 - This project involves removal of unwanted vegetation by prescribed fire, hand cutting, and herbicide treatment. Project was submitted for review on 5-14-07.

- **Mary Bretscher / Missy Rogers**

0714480 - This project involves removal of woody species from several small hill prairies. Introduction of prescribed fire will keep these areas open. Also, timber areas will have Forest Stand Enhancement activities planned to increase the dominance of desirable hardwood species. Project was submitted for review on 5-14-07.

- **Mike Lance**

0714490 - This project involves removal of woody species from several small hill prairies east of Opossum Hollow Creek. Introduction of prescribed fire will keep these areas open. Also, timber areas will have Forest Stand Enhancement activities planned to increase the dominance of desirable hardwood species. Project was submitted for review on 5-14-07.

- **Robert and Randy Boyle**

0714485 - This project involves clearing of loess hill prairies of woody species to keep its biological integrity intact. Hand clearing and spot spraying will be utilized. Upland oak/hickory forest will have a Forest Stand Improvement where honey locust and hawthorn will be controlled by cutting and/or girdling. Project was submitted for review on 5-14-07.

Questions and Comments

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

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