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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from November 15 to December 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.

- **Lowden-Miller State Forest**

1003841 – Approximately 1.5 acres of a recently retired 15 acre crop field will be scraped of 1-2 feet of topsoil to form a berm and promote conditions for an ephemeral wetland. The berm and exposed soils will be seeded to a cover crop in the spring of 2010 until permanent cover can be seeded in the fall of 2010. The remaining 13.5 acres is slated to be planted to trees in the spring of 2010. Project was submitted for review on 11-16-09.

- **Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park**

1003665 – This project involves running electric from campground area to location of cabin on Tecumseh hill overlooking the lake. Pour a 21' x 35' pad with approximate 2' retaining wall on the uphill side. Erect a 14' x 16' cabin similar to those at other sites. Project was submitted for review on 11-2-09.

- **Apple River State Park**

1003679 – This project involves digging a waterline from office area to shop. Project was submitted for review on 11-6-09.

- **Sibley Habitat Area**

1003844 - This project involves establishing two wetland sites (shallow water areas for wildlife), using inline water control structures and tile destruction. Project was submitted for review on 11-13-09.

- **Saybrook Habitat Area**

1003847 - This project involves establishing three wetland sites (shallow water areas for wildlife), using inline water control structures and one linear wetland using small berms across waterway. Project was submitted for review on 11-13-09.

- **Lowden State Park**

1003214 - This project involves constructing a new 2 ramp boat launch facility with 48 trailer parking stalls, 8 car stalls, and rip-rap riverbank stabilization. Project was submitted for review on 10-14-09.

- **William Powers State Conservation Area**

1003210 - This project involves constructing a 10' wide paved bicycle trail on existing state property and leased Com Ed corridor. Project was submitted for review on 10-14-09.

- **Mississippi Palisades State Park**

1002291 - This project involves rebuilding a set of stairs that serves Sunset Trail, add a portion of decking and stairs, and new concrete sidewalk and stairs. The project will also replace asphalt sidewalk accessing the CCC shelter. Project was submitted for review on 9-1-09.

- **White Pines State Park**

0911577 - This project involves reconstructing two stairways and platforms along two portions of Sunset Trail. Project was submitted for review on 6-4-09.

- **Pyramid State Park**

1003996 - This project involves providing electrical service to the Galum Office building. This service will be overhead and located adjacent to Panda Bear Road on the county road right of way. Where Panda Bear road intersects with the Galum Unit park road, the service will be installed underground. Project was submitted for review on 11-20-09.

- **Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park**

1004336 - This project involves replacing the overhead power line, which feeds the residence and office/marina pumphouse, with underground electrical service. Project was submitted for review on 12-7-09.

- **Illinois Beach State Park**

1004313 - This project involves repairing three fire hydrants in the park's South Unit. Project was submitted for review on 12-3-09.

Questions and Comments

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