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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from April 15 to May 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.

- **Illinois Beach State Park**

1008296 – This project involves the installation of a new flagpole near the site entrance check station. Project was submitted for review on 4-9-10.

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

1007815 – This project is part of the Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Management Program (EMP) on the Upper Mississippi River System. For complete details, visit the ACOE-Rock Island web site. <http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/NewsReleases/default.cfm?SEQNO=603> Project was submitted for review on 3-24-10.

- **Chain O' Lakes State Park**

1008675 – This project involves repairs to the electrical service. Project was submitted for review on 4-23-10.

- **Volo Bog State Natural Area**

1008295 - This project involves reforestation of 20 acres of an old agriculture field. Project was submitted for review on 4-12-10.

- **Tunnel Hill State Trail**

1007591 – This project involves construction where the Tunnel Hill State Trail crosses the active rail line served by BNSF. BNSF work forces will construct a 10' wide at grade RR crossing and trail approaches on IDNR land. Project was submitted for review on 3-18-10.

- **Finrock State Habitat Area**

1008077 - This project involves construction of two (five vehicle) hunter parking areas. The gravel parking areas will be 40' x 60'. Project was submitted for review on 4-5-10.

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

1008183 – This project involves repairing levees that were damaged by flooding. Improvements will be made to the North Dunn Levee and the South Dunn Refuge overflow spillway. Project was submitted for review on 3-2-10.

- **Mississippi Palisades State Park**

1005880 - This project involves the re-construction of the Pine Knob Park Road segment south of the existing main park road from its beginning to Pine Knob Day-Use Area. The project includes culvert extensions and discharge areas, rip-rap, a temporary construction road, incidental seeding, and repair following construction. Project was submitted for review on 2-3-10.

- **Hennepin Canal State Parkway**

1008170 - This project involves repair of approximately 200' of levee destroyed by flooding in 2009. Project was submitted for review on 3-24-10.

- **Vermilion River – Cement Plant Dam**

1008453 – This project involves placing large concrete blocks in the scour hole downstream of the dam to disrupt submerged hydraulic jump. The blocks will be placed up to the level of the natural channel bottom. Project was submitted for review on 4-16-10.

- **Asian Carp Rapid Response near O'Brien Lock and Dam**

1009374 – A rapid response action is being undertaken at the North Leg of the Little Calumet River downstream of the O'Brien Lock and Dam. This reach of the Chicago Area Waterway System has produced positive environmental DNA detections for Asian carp. The action will include applying rotenone fish toxicant according to label directions in an area defined by block nets placed at or near RM 323.3 and RM 325.3. In addition to the rotenone action, simultaneous electrofishing and commercial netting will take place. Project was submitted for review on 5-13-10.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

1007618 – This project involves repair of the levee between the Fox River and Black Tern Marsh that underlies a portion of the Fox River Trail Loop. Project was submitted for review on 3-4-10.

Questions and Comments

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