



Date: July 3, 2016

To: Parties on the EAW Distribution List
Other Interested Parties

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Subject: Marsh Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project
Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to describe the environmental effects associated with the Marsh Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project, located in Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, and Swift Counties, Minnesota. This document has been prepared as a Mandatory EAW pursuant to Minnesota Rules part 4410.4300, subpart 26 (Stream Diversion) and Minnesota Rules part 4410.4300, subpart 27.A. (Wetlands and Public Waters). The MNDNR is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for the environmental review of this project.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on July 11, 2016, with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the EQB Monitor. The DNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from July 11, 2016 to August 10, 2016 at 4:30 pm. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- MNDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155
- Hennepin County Library-Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55401
- MNDNR South Regional Office, 21371 State Highway 15 South, New Ulm, Minnesota, 56073
- MNDNR Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and State Park Office, 14047 20th Street NW, Watson, Minnesota, 56295
- MNDNR Ortonville Area Fisheries Office, 890 Pine Street, Ortonville, Minnesota, 56278
- Montevideo-Chippewa County Library (Region 6W Regional Library) and Montevideo Public Library, 224 South First Street, Montevideo, Minnesota, 56265
- Benson Public Library, 200 Thirteenth Street North, Benson, Minnesota, 56215
- Madison Public Library, 401 Sixth Avenue, Madison, Minnesota, 56256
- Ortonville City Public Library, 412 Second Street NW, Ortonville, Minnesota, 56278
- Appleton Public Library, 323 West Schlieman Avenue, #1, Appleton, Minnesota, 56208

The EAW is also posted on the MNDNR's website at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html> → Public Input → Environmental Review → See Marsh Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project EAW in the drop down list.

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Written comments must be received by Wednesday, August 10th, at 4:30 pm and sent to:

Charlotte Cohn, EAW Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources,
Division of Ecological and Water Resources
500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4025.

Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Marsh Lake Ecosystem Restoration EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and U.S. mailing address. Signed written comments may also be sent via facsimile to (651) 296-1811. For additional information, or copies of the EAW, please call (651) 259-5072.

Project and environmental documents issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provide additional details and information regarding the project. The additional documents are:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment, Marsh Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project, July, 2011;
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment Appendices, Marsh Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project, July, 2011; and
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Supplemental Environmental Assessment, Marsh Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project, April, 2016.

These documents can be accessed from the MNDNR's public outgoing FTP website by using this link: ftp://ftp.dnr.state.mn.us/pub/outgoing/Marsh_Lake.

Attachments:

Marsh Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Attachment A: Project Maps and Figures

Attachment B: Natural Heritage Information System Review and Rare Features Database Index Report

Attachment C: Draft Operation and Management Plan

Attachment D: Journal Article on Implications of Spring Water Levels on the Production of American White Pelican Nesting

Attachment E: Lower Pomme de Terre River Channel Restoration Pre-Project Mussel Surveys

Attachment F: Mussel Rescue and Translocation Plan for Pomme de Terre River Restoration

Attachment G: Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Correspondence and Agreement