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Spring Flood Waters Impacting Mississippi River Refuges

Flooding on the Mississippi River is inundating landings and access areas up and down the 260 mile stretch of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. According to Winona District Manager, Bob Drieslein the river crested in the Winona, Minn. area on April 17.

Cresting continues to progress southward and all boat landings have been closed. In addition, commercial navigation on the the river has been closed, and all boats have been ordered off the river for 403 miles.

On the lower end of the refuge, Savanna District Manager Ed Britton said the refuge is "bracing for the worst, hoping for the best." The Sloan Marsh levee overtopped on April 16, Spring Lake levee overtopped on April 20. Savanna District staff and volunteers sandbagged the Browns Lake Management Unit water control structure April 17. The river was not expected to crest there until April 21 or 22. Britton said that refuge staff could already see damage caused by wind fetch, prior to the flood damage.

McGregor District Manager John Lindell said the District was experiencing the second highest flood level on record, with cresting in the McGregor area expected on April 20.

"As far as refuge is concerned, we'll see some damage at landings and access roads and I suspect will have some erosion damage."

On two of the District's marsh management units, Guttenberg Ponds and John Deer Marsh just north of Dubuque, the main river overtopped the dikes. "It's likely we have some damage. It's just a question of how much," Lindell said. "We put water in them to equalize



--USFWS Photo by Cindy Samples

Verchota Landing on the upper Mississippi River near Winona, Minn., was well submerged when this photo was taken April 17.

the pressure on both sides. If the water comes down slowly we'll have little damage, but if it comes down rather quickly we could have blow outs."

Animals such as squirrels and woodchucks that don't normally live in the water are seeking out high spots in the river. "It's real stressful on them and we

hope people avoid stressing them further; when the river opens up to navigation. The flood is also displacing muskrats and otters and we're seeing them on the remaining uplands," concluded Lindell.

(Cindy Samples, Upper Mississippi River NW&FR)

Draft of Pool 12 Dredge Placement Study Completed

The Service sent a draft report of the Dredge Placement Study for Pool 12 of Upper Mississippi River (UMR) to the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) March 31, for review and distribution. The study examines the impacts to the fishery due to dredge material placement completed by the Corps in September 1999.

The report will be finalized following

review by the Corps and other members of the UMR Fish and Wildlife Work Group. Results of the study will assist fishery managers in determining future locations for dredge material, and what management practices will reduce the impacts of dredge material on the fishery.

(Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO)

Horicon NWR Provides In-Service Training to Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Leaders

Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Ranger Molly Stoddard joined with International Crane Foundation (ICF) outreach coordinator Rachel Jepson-Wolf to provide in-service training to 15 youth leaders of the Ho-Chunk Nation near Baraboo, Wis., March 30, 2001.

Participants learned about educational opportunities at ICF and Horicon Marsh. They also enjoyed a brief tour of ICF and received free copies of the Horicon Marsh Field Trip Guide and refuge information folders. In their lesson plan preparation time, many expressed interest in visiting the refuge during the year. *(Molly Stoddard, Horicon NWR)*

Two Rivers Refuge Completes Successful Prescribed Burning Season

Staff from Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge recently completed a successful spring prescribed burning season after burning two restored grasslands. The two grasslands, totaling 47 acres, had not received any active management for several years and were beginning to suffer from encroachment of woody plants and other invasive species.

The units were burned in order to maintain the desired grassland diversity. Preliminary results suggest both burns successfully reduced accumulated litter. Both units will continue to be monitored to assess the burns' affects on reducing the density of woody plants and other invasive plants. Results then can be used to evaluate and modify the station's prescribed fire program. Two Rivers NWR, formerly the Brussels District of Mark Twain NWR, is located on the Mississippi River in western Illinois. *(Russell Engelke, Two Rivers NWR)*



--USFWS Photo by Lara Hill

National Wildlife Refuge System Chief Dan Ashe (left), and Regional Director Bill Hartwig listen to comments from Wisconsin Congressman Ron Kind during a public meeting April 2 in LaCrosse, Wis., to discuss appropriate uses policy for National Wildlife Refuges.

Public Voices Concerns Over Draft of Refuge Systems Appropriate Uses Policy Affect on Upper Mississippi River Refuges Discussed

The public asked questions and provided comments on proposed appropriate use policy for National Wildlife Refuges during a public meeting April 2, in LaCrosse, Wis. At issue is a draft of the Service's Appropriate Uses Policy for National Wildlife Refuges published in the Federal Register in January. The draft describes policies under consideration by the Service for public/private use of National Wildlife Refuges.

A large crowd of about 150 people attended the meeting at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Resource Center. The meeting was held at the request of Wisconsin Congressman Ron Kind, and was attended by Dan Ashe, chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and Bill Hartwig, regional director.

Those attending the meeting were interested in how future Refuge policies will affect the way they use area refuges, specifically the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.

Specific uses discussed included use of sandbars, camping, and boating in the backwaters. Nearly 25 people issued comments representing a wide range of interests.

The LaCrosse meeting was the only public meeting held to discuss this draft policy. Earlier, Congressman Kind also requested the Service extend the comment period on this policy from March 19 to April 19, 2001. That request was granted.

Region 3 staff attending included Tom Worthington, chief of Refuge Operations in Region 3 and the primary author of the policy; Nita Fuller, chief of Region 3 Refuges, Jim Fisher, manager of the Upper Mississippi Refuges Complex and Jon Kauffeld, refuge supervisor. The moderator was Robin Grawe, Mississippi Valley Director for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission. *(Lara Hill, UMRNW&FR-LaCrosse)*

Court Sentences Artist to Produce Artwork For Conservation Agencies

Art has long been used by conservation groups and government agencies for communicating conservation values and themes while helping educate students and the public about wildlife. In Illinois, a conservation minded artist is applying his artistic talents to wildlife conservation as part of his sentence for breaking a federal wildlife conservation law.

On Jan. 25, 2001, Robert Waldmire of Hackberry, Arizona, pleaded guilty to unlawful transportation of two western diamondback rattlesnakes from Arizona to Illinois, a violation of the Lacey Act, a federal wildlife protection law. Waldmire negotiated a plea agreement with Timothy Santel, special agent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Illinois, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Esteban Sanchez. Waldmire was sentenced to community service and fined \$200.

Waldmire, an environmentalist and artist, transported the rattlesnakes to his brother's restaurant in Springfield, Ill, in July 2000. The snakes were on display at the restaurant until they were confiscated by the Illinois DNR in September.

On March 27, 2001, the court ordered Waldmire to provide (by July 1, 2001) his artistic talents to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal agencies. Service offices that will benefit from the artwork include the Rock Island Ecologi-



Robert Waldmire's colorful rendering of a great blue heron will soon be posted to the Illinois River NWR web page.

cal Services Field Office and Illinois River National Wildlife Refuge. Waldmire will also provide artwork for the U.S. Forest Service's Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie in Wilmington, Ill. (Laurice Stevens, R3-Jefferson City LE)

Pennsylvania Man Gets 10 Months, Fined \$10,000 For Wildlife, Firearms Violations

A Pennsylvania trophy hunter with a history of wildlife convictions was sentenced in federal court April 17, to 10 months confinement, two years supervised probation upon release and fined \$10,000 for violating federal wildlife and firearms laws. Paul W. Asper of Lock Haven, Penn., pleaded guilty in July to unlawfully importing parts of endangered wildlife—specifically two black rhinoceros horns and other wildlife. Asper also pleaded guilty to unlawfully possessing a firearm.

Asper, 68, was arrested Dec. 24, 1998, at Chicago's O'Hare Airport by Service special agents. Asper was returning from a hunting trip in China when federal customs and wildlife inspectors discovered the black rhinoceros horns, Argali sheep jaw bone, a set of Mongolian gazelle horns and a Ruger M-77 hunting rifle in his luggage. The black rhinoceros and Argali sheep are protected under the Endangered Species Act and Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). The Mongolian gazelle is not protected. However, Asper failed to declare any wildlife items to U.S. Customs or Service Wildlife Inspectors.

Asper has previous convictions for illegally importing crocodile and leopard hides, and for smuggling a bald eagle into the United States from Canada. In August 1990, he was convicted on 16 counts of smuggling endangered species into the United States, and served 27 months in prison and paid a \$140,000 fine.

Fosston Sportsmen's Club Providing Meals and Volunteers to Support Rydell NWR Youth Deer Hunt

Rydell National Wildlife Refuge Manager Rick Julian reported on the ongoing Glacial Ridge NWR project and upcoming hunting activities at Rydell NWR to members of the Fosston Sportsmen's Club April 5.

Julian provided the members with information about the Refuge's hunt for persons with disabilities and the youth deer hunt. Following the presentation, club members voted to sponsor noon meals during the two-day youth hunt training in September, and several members volunteered to assist in the hunting training and hunt programs.

A \$200 check was provided to the Friends of Rydell Refuge to pay for the meals. Youth hunt should assist in maintaining the refuge deer herd within carrying capacity of the existing habitats. Past hunts have had a 75 percent success rate. Twenty five hunters will be selected for the hunt. (Rick Julian, Rydell NWR)

Congressional Staffs Briefed on Minnesota Valley Refuge Issues

The Friends of Minnesota Valley hosted a briefing for four Congressional staff April 17 to share information about some of the opportunities and challenges facing Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Refuge Manager Rick Schultz provided the staffers with information about the Refuge and discussed numerous issues.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul airport mitigation issue and the formation of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. were discussed. Schultz also discussed how Fiscal Year 2001 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) appropriations are being spent, specifically, the status of the Refuge's acquisition of the Lano property (Chaska Unit), and a 70-acre tract from The Conservation Fund. Schultz also briefed staffers on the status of the Refuge's Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Schultz discussed the Refuge's desire



to acquire most of the Upgrala Unit in the near future, which would require an appropriation of about \$10 million. The Refuge Centennial Legislation, the Centennial Celebration in 2003, and the preparation of Centennial Plans for each national wildlife refuge were also discussed.

In response to questions, Rick was able to articulate what were considered to be operational deficits experienced at Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The need for a new maintenance facility was raised, especially in light of the fact

that at that very moment, plans were being made to relocate some of the Refuge equipment and supplies to avoid damage caused by flood waters. Schultz also talked about the challenges the Refuge faces from mountain bikers and provided the Congressional staff with good quality photos of the resource damage that has occurred in the Bloomington Bluffs. The Refuge is working with the City of Bloomington to resolve this issue.

Ten board members of the Friends of Minnesota Valley attended the briefings. Congressional staffers included: Heather Renner, (Rep. Jim Ramstad's office), Dick Larson (Rep. Gil Gutknecht's office), Darin Broton (Rep. Bill Luther's office) and Mark Anderson (Sen. Paul Wellstone's office). For more information, contact Rick Schultz at 952-858-0701.

(Judith Miller, Minnesota Valley NWR)

Boundary Area Commission, Congressional Staff Updated on Freshwater Mussel Issues **Group Learns About Encroachment of Zebra Mussels, Service's Endangered Mussels Restoration Effort**

Fishery Biologist Mark Steingraeber of the LaCrosse Fishery Resources Office (FRO) presented 'Freshwater Mussel Resources and Restoration in the Upper Mississippi River Basin' during a public meeting of the Mississippi River Regional Committee of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission (BAC) March 15, in Onalaska, Wis.

The 30-minute narrated slide and video show highlighted the unique biology of freshwater mussels, their ecological value, their cultural and economic importance, factors threatening their existence and examples of ongoing Service efforts to pre-

vent the extinction of federally endangered mussel species in the Upper Mississippi River basin.

Steingraeber gave the presentation at the invitation of the BAC, which oversees natural resources issues along the Minnesota-Wisconsin border.

The presentation helped educate and inform 10 Commission members, congressional staff and several local citizens about freshwater mussel conservation, one of the most important issues confronting the interstate boundary waters.

(Mark Steingraeber, LaCrosse FRO)

Minnesota Landowners Learn More About Wildlife Conservation Programs

Forty-five area land owners from Detroit Lakes, Minn., attended a forum March 10, to learn more about conservation programs available for landowners who want to improve their property for wildlife. The forum was co-hosted by the Service's Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District and Ducks Unlimited.

Representatives from Ducks Unlimited, The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Service presented information and answered questions about the various conservation assistance programs that landowners could enroll in to improve wildlife habitat. Eight landowners indicated that they wanted followup contacts to further explore conservation options best suited for their land.

(Les Peterson, Detroit Lakes WMD)

Biennial Count of Hibernating Indiana Bats Shows Slight Decline

Hibernating populations of Indiana bats in caves in Indiana were counted during January and February 2001 as part of the biennial hibernacula counts conducted to track populations of this imperilled species. A total of 173,049 federally-endangered Indiana bats were found in 23 of 24 Indiana caves visited. The total shows a decrease of seven percent from the 1999 count, which was the first decline in Indiana's statewide population since 1989.

Eleven banded Indiana bats were detected and band information recorded during the hibernacula counts. Service biologists were accompanied by reporters from the Indianapolis Star during counts in Wyandotte Cave in Crawford County, Indiana,

which is the location at which Indiana bats were first recognized as a distinct species in 1928. A resulting newspaper article generated positive media coverage of Service efforts to conserve the Indiana bat.

Hibernacula counts are the only means biologists have of monitoring populations of Indiana bats. Continued monitoring of populations of this imperilled species is considered essential. The rangewide population of Indiana bats has declined in excess of 60 percent since the species was listed in 1967. The most severe declines in wintering populations have occurred in two states: Kentucky, where 180,000 bats were lost between 1960 and 1997, and Missouri, where 276,000 Indiana bats were lost

between 1980 and 1997. Over the same period, the statewide population in Indiana caves has been relatively stable. The current wintering population in Indiana is estimated at approximately 173,000 bats. Approximately half of all the Indiana bats in existence winter in Indiana.

Partners in this effort included Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program; Virgil Brack, Jr., Environmental Solutions and Innovations, LLC; Richard Clawson, Missouri Department of Conservation; Keith Dunlap, Indiana Karst Conservancy; Volunteers from the Indiana Karst Conservancy and other cave conservation organizations.

(Lori Pruitt, Bloomington Field Office)

Managers Learn About Zebra Mussels' Affects on Endangered Freshwater Mussels

Mussel Subgroup members of the Upper Mississippi River Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystem team provided a briefing to the Regional Management Team and other Regional Office staff April 9, to alert Regional managers on the unchecked invasion of zebra



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Biologist Andy Roberts (left) of the Columbia Field Office explains mussel anatomy to an attendee at a Missouri freshwater mussel workshop in 1999.

mussels throughout the Upper Mississippi River system and the subsequent decline of such species as the endangered Higgins' Eye and winged mapleleaf mussels.

Zebra mussels are literally smothering the native mussel fauna of lakes and large river systems where they infest mussel beds by attaching to smooth surfaces, change water chemistry and compete for food. Today, only two of the Higgins' Eye's 10 Es-

sential Habitat Areas are currently free of zebra mussels.

Reproducing populations of zebra mussels are now 25 miles downstream of the only known population of winged mapleleaf mussels in the St. Croix River.

The Mussel Subgroup, represented by Service refuge, fisheries and ecological services field personnel, identified a number of short and long-term action items that could help to stave off extinction of the two endangered mussels. Strategies to implement the action items are being developed.

The briefing was preceded by a presentation on mussel biology by Dr. Chris Barnhart of Southwest Missouri State University. Barnhart was joined by Biologist Andy Roberts of the Columbia Field Office. *(Dan Stinnett, Ecological Services)*

Volunteers Conduct First Survey of Butterflies, Moths at Minnesota Valley NWR

Volunteers Ron and Cathy Huber, who helped establish species lists for the State of Minnesota and the Bell Museum, surveyed the Rapids Lake and Louisville Units of the Refuge for butterflies and moths during the summer of 2000. Among the species they encountered are the olive hairstreak, the mourning cloak and the Hackberry butterfly.

In addition to providing Refuge managers with a species list, they also prepared display cases of collected species and presented them to the Refuge to be used as a reference collection. The Hubers will be continuing their work this field season and are willing to help other Minnesota Refuges in compiling species lists for their area.

For more information contact Vicki Sherry (952) 858-0723.

Interagency Sturgeon Committee Marks Seven Years of Success

The Menomonee Reservation Lake Sturgeon Committee met March 29, 2001, to review progress on its sturgeon management plan and determine work plans for the 2001 field season. The meeting marked the seventh successful year of work by the multi-agency committee to restore lake sturgeon to tribal waters.

The committee represents partnerships and cooperative efforts between the Service's LaCrosse Fishery Resources Office, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (MITW), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Genoa and Neosho National Fish Hatcheries (NFH) Green Bay Ecological Service's Field Office, U.S. Geological Survey-BRD and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Implementation of the Menomonee Reservation Lake Sturgeon Management Plan began in 1994, when more than 4,000 young-of-year lake sturgeon were stocked into inland waters on the Reservation. Since then, three populations of lake sturgeon, numbering more than 30,000, have been stocked in Reservation waters. Annual assessments indicate the restoration effort is a success. More than 70 lake sturgeon were captured during the 2000 fishery assessment survey of Legend Lake. All of these individuals showed signs of excellent condition, with some exceeding 36 inches in length.

Another successful effort has been the reintroduction of adult lake sturgeon into Reservation waters of the Wolf River. To date, 87 adult and juvenile fish have been transferred above two dams blocking their migration to the Reservation. This has resulted in enough adults in Reservation waters that spawning may take place in this stretch of river for the first time in over fifty years. The members of the team are excited about this potential and are committed to continue implementation of the plan. The committee will highlight its efforts at the upcoming Fourth International Lake Sturgeon Symposium July 8-13, 2001, in Oshkosh, Wis. Information about the symposium is



Service Biologist Ann Runstrom displays a "baby" lake sturgeon.



Service Biologist Mark Steingraeber (left) and Menominee Tribal biologist Jeremy Pyatskowitz attach a radio tag to a lake sturgeon.



Mark Steingraeber, LaCrosse FRO, displays a lake sturgeon collected during last year's survey at Legend Lake. USGS Biologist Brent Knights assisted with the survey.



A recaptured lake sturgeon is released after being measured and tagged. It was originally stocked into the lake at a size of five inches.

available at:

<http://www.sturgeonsymposium.org>.

After reviewing past achievements, the committee began planning the 2001 field season. An ad-hoc committee was formed to begin a feasibility and development plan for a Tribal Lake Sturgeon Culture Facility.

Lake sturgeon hold cultural and spiritual significance to the Menominee people. Restored populations represent the return of lake sturgeon to the Menominee culture after an absence of over 50 years.

(Ann Runstrom, LaCrosse FRO)

Leading Creek Watershed Improvements Marching On In Ohio

In 1993, the largest underground coal mine in Ohio, Meigs 31, suffered catastrophic flooding when a mine partition failed. Acid water pumped out of the mine destroyed fish and habitat in lower Leading Creek (Meigs County, Ohio). A court settlement put about \$2 million into the hands of the Service to enhance water quality beyond what was accomplished by restoration efforts of the company.

The Service used a portion of the settlement funds to hire a watershed coordinator, Jim Freeman, who works part of the time for the Service and part of the time for the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Freeman recently organized a contest for a watershed logo at the local high school, and the winner received a \$100 prize. The logo will be used on t-shirts for participants in the upcoming stream cleanup he organized. The logo will also be placed on road signs to inform motorists that they have entered the Leading Creek watershed.

Settlement funds were also used to purchase almost 1,000 copies of the guidebook, "A Guide to Ohio Streams" The Service's Reynoldsburg Field Office contributed to the Guide, which was edited by Randy Sanders of the Ohio Division of Wildlife and published by the Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The recently published Guide details the ecology and importance of Ohio streams and rivers.

Reynoldsburg staff also organized the "Leading Creek Advisory Committee (LCAC)," consisting of various agency representatives, citizens, and guests, to facilitate the implementation of the "Leading Creek Improvement Plan (LCIP). The committee has met monthly since June 2000. Reynoldsburg Field Office recently entered a cooperative agreement with the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District. The agreement provides the District with \$100,000 to implement a suite of conservation practices on lands in priority

watersheds requiring erosion control projects.

Reynoldsburg staff is also applying \$70,000 toward a \$2 million mined land reclamation project. The Service will provide funding for project planning. A scope of work for the Titus Road Reclamation Project is currently being developed by engineers for the Ohio Division of Mines and Reclamation. Future plans include cooperative projects with the Meigs County Engineer in areas where Leading Creek is threatening roads and "Palmiter Method" type projects to clean sediment (from mines) out of Leading Creek.

Another committee, composed of local citizens, has also been organized. Its scope is broader than the LCAC, but we intend to use them as a sounding board for ideas and to better understand local needs and desires. This group is totally independent of the LCAC.

(Bill Kurey, Reynoldsburg Field Office)

Green Bay Field Office Helps School Kick Off Earth Week Celebration

Biologist Joel Trick of the Green Bay Field Office visited Denmark Middle School April 12, to help kick off a focus on the environment, leading up to Earth Day celebrations next week. In conjunction with other speakers, three 45-minute presentations were made to 6th, 7th and 8th grade groups of approximately 100 students each.

The Denmark Middle School students are studying biodiversity during the upcoming Earth Week, and have been asked to relate this topic to their local environment, including what can be done to make a difference in their own home town. During the presentations, students were educated about who the Service

is and what we do; the Service role in endangered species conservation and recovery; the importance of biodiversity; and how our land use patterns continue to result in the loss of local plant and animal populations.

Using a presentation of slides representing both common and rare species, and using examples of problems faced by local wildlife species, these middle school students now have a greater awareness of the Fish and Wildlife Service, endangered species of Wisconsin, and the challenges that plants and wildlife face in our modern landscape.

(Joel Trick, Green Bay Field Office)

Wisconsin Fisheries Offices Organizing Friends Group For Upper Mississippi Fishery

Three Service fisheries program offices in Wisconsin are working to form a Friends Group to help provide outreach, education and other volunteer support to each of the offices. Staff at LaCrosse Fishery Resources Office (FRO), Genoa National Fish Hatchery (NFH) and LaCrosse Fish Health Center recently held an initial meeting with five candidate members to discuss language for the groups' mission statement, goals and memorandum of understanding. Staff from each office will create the documents and bylaws. So far, five local individuals have expressed an interest in helping establish a Friends Group by reviewing the initial documents and recruiting. The individuals have expertise in a variety of areas and should provide exceptional leadership.

(Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO)

Accomplishment Reports Received

LaCrosse FRO Posts 2,000th Accomplishment Report

Congratulations to Mark Steingraeber, biologist at LaCrosse FRO, who's April 14 accomplishment report, "Power of the River Presented to University of Wisconsin Literature Students" was the 2,000 report entered in current version Accomplishment Reporting System (ARS).

The following accomplishment reports were received and processed between April 1-19, 2001.

1. **Regional Managers Learn About Zebra Mussels Affects on Endangered Freshwater Mussels**
Dan Stinnett, Ecological Services
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Scott Flaherty, External Affairs
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Judith Miller, Minnesota Valley NWR
4. **Minnesota Junior Duck Stamp Traveling Exhibit Debuts**
Judith Miller, Minnesota Valley NWR
5. **Minnesota Valley NWR Forms New Partnership With Gopher Campfire Conservation Club**
Judith Miller, Minnesota Valley NWR
6. **Sky Dance Program Attracts 41 to Minnesota Valley NWR**
Ed Moyer, Minnesota Valley NWR
7. **Two Rivers Refuge Completes Successful Prescribed Burning Season**
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8. **2001 Count of Hibernating Indiana Bats Shows Slight Population Decline**
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9. **Green Bay Field Office Helps Kick Off Earth Week Celebration**
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10. **Horicon NWR Unveils New Web Site**
Molly Stoddard, Horicon NWR
11. **Public Voices Concerns Over Draft of Refuges' Appropriate Uses Policy**
Lara Hill, UMRNW&FR-LaCrosse
12. **Indianapolis Public Meeting Details Service Plan For Whooping Crane Reintroduction**
Scott Pruitt, Bloomington Field Office
13. **Bird Songs, Videos Added to Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge Web Page**
Frank Stone, Ashland FRO
14. **Marsh Madness Brings 225 to Prairie Wetlands Learning Center**
Kenneth Garrahan, Fergus Falls WMD/PWLC
15. **Fosston Sportsmen's Club Providing Meals and Volunteers to Support Rydell NWR Youth Deer Hunt**
Rick Julian, Rydell NWR
16. **Refuge Weed Control Measures Shared With State, Federal, Agencies**
Rick Julian, Rydell NWR
17. **Friends of Big Muddy Display at Day With Wildlife**
Barbara Moran, Big Muddy NWR
18. **Three Wisconsin Fisheries Program Offices Organizing Friends Group For Upper Mississippi Fishery**
Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO
19. **Draft Report of Pool 12 - Upper Mississippi River Dredge Placement Study Completed**
Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO
20. **Minnesota Valley NWR Volunteers Conduct First-Ever Survey of Butterflies, Moths**
Vicki Sherry, Minnesota Valley NWR
21. **Conservation Artist's Sentence Includes Order to Produce Art For Conservation**
Laurice Stevens, Jefferson City LE
22. **The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Will Help Minimize Erosion Impacts to the Falls River**
Frank Stone, Ashland FRO
23. **Leading Creek Watershed Improvements Marching On in Ohio**
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