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Monthly Report for October 2013

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LPWMA Kiosks

The LPRCA has been working with the Lower Platte Weed Management Area (LPWMA) to help build and place 5 kiosks at points through the Lower Platte River Corridor. The kiosks display currently listed invasive species and provide information on how the LPRWA helps to control the species. NGPC has been working with the LPRCA to site some of the kiosks in their parks or recreation areas. The LPRCA has also approached P-MRNRD about siting two kiosks on their properties along the river. We hope to have the kiosks placed by mid-November.

River Obstruction Removal

Olsson Associates met with one of the contractors who supplied a bid for the obstruction removal at Two Rivers State Recreation Area. Primary cost concerns for the contractor was completing the work in the allowable time frame (October 1-January 31), the designed removal depth, and the need to bring in sand from off-site to build the causeway. Don Day will continue to work with the contractors to scope costs of changing the removal depth from (approx. 10 feet to 5-7 feet). Additionally the LPRCA plans to meet with NGPC about the possibility of starting construction in late August or early September.

Section 22 Recreation Planning Study

The draft survey document was approved by OMB at the very end of October. We will work to get the on-line survey developed and then distribute to individuals on the NGPC, LPRCA and NRD email lists. Additionally, we continued contacting city, county and organizational representatives throughout the Corridor regarding the planning study, their recreation resources and interest in developing more. It is a primary way to “ground truth” the GIS information we have from our Environmental Suitability Assessment and the NGPC Trail Viewer data set as well as a way to engage them in the project. We have received a number of responses and will continue to follow up with additional contacts. We hope to have a summary report to the Corps by the end of November.

Watershed Management Plan

HDR met with representatives of the NRCS, NDEQ and USGS in October regarding the modeling of constituent loads and Best Management Practice scenarios. The draft goals and objectives of the plan will be presented to the LPRCA stakeholders at a meeting on November 13 as will the modeling results. The plan development is on schedule for completion in late winter/early spring 2014.

LPRCA Quarterly Meeting

The LPRCA Quarterly meeting was held at P-MRNRD on Tuesday, October 29th. Tony Krause of the USACE and John Callen of DNR presented an overview of the Silverjackets program for flood risk reduction. Dave Rus and Jason Lambrecht of USGS presented early data on impacts from the Colorado flood on the Platte River system. Additional presentations were given regarding the Cumulative Impact Study, a proposed chute restoration at Camp Ashland, Watershed Management Plan, River Obstruction Removal and others. The next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st at 9 a.m. at LPNDRD in Wahoo.

Upcoming Events:

NWRA/NSIA Annual Conference: November 24-26th, Kearney

LPRCA Quarterly Meeting: January 21st, 9 a.m., LPNDRD