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## Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet in response to a citizen's petition.

- Circle Pines, Petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for Casey's Gas Station in Circle Pines. (Denied)
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## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

### Project Title: Star of The North Walking Trail EAW

**Comment Deadline:** January 31, 2018

**Project Description:** The DNR is proposing construction and designation of the Star of the North Walking Trail. The project would link approximately 29.5 miles of existing routes with 27.5 miles of new trail development to create a 57-mile loop system of signed and maintained natural surface walking trail corridor. Hunter walking trails provide comparatively easy access to grouse and woodcock areas in Minnesota's primary grouse range. These trails wind their way through Wildlife Management Areas, connecting with some state forests and other public hunting lands.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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### Project Title: Afton Alps Trout Brook Stream Restoration

**Comment Deadline:** January 31, 2018

**Project Description:** Great River Greening seeks to improve 1,400 linear feet of Trout Brook, a stream in Washington County, to restore natural stream geomorphology, improve overall ecological function, and enhance trout habitat. Trout Brook will be remeandered on the Afton Alps site privately owned by Vail Resorts Management Company (Vail). The project will also include construction of a rock riffle to provide trout passage through an existing culvert located within the Vail property. The project also includes floodplain creation and reconnection improvements upstream within the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Afton State Park property, adjacent to Afton Alps. Construction is anticipated to be completed no later than September 15, 2018. Minor associated infrastructure improvements will also be completed to maintain current functionality of the Vail property.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** South Washington Watershed District

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## Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Douglas County, Central Specialties Kluver Aggregate Pit, Hudson Township, Douglas County, Minnesota, 12-20-17 (8-28-17)
- Becker County, Long Shore Resource Project, 12-19-17 (10-30-17)
- Olmsted County, Lake Zumbro Restoration Project, 12-19-17 (10-23-17)

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## Alternative Urban Areawide Review Updates

### Project Title: CSAH 42/Akron Study Area

**Comment Deadline:** January 16, 2018

**Project Description:** The City of Rosemount has updated the AUAR for the CSAH 42/Akron Study Area. The 1500 acre study area is north of CSAH 42/145th Street. This is the second AUAR Update. Approximately 530 acres of the study area have received development approval.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** City of Rosemount

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## Notices

### Project Title: Environmental Review Process Metropolitan Airports Commission MAC Capital Improvement Program

**Project Description:** On December 18, 2017, the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) recommended that no further environmental review of the 2018-2024 Capital Improvement Program was warranted based on the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. This determination was made following a public hearing held on November 6, 2017 and close of the 30-day written public comment period on November 8, 2017. During the public comment period, no oral comments were received and one written comment was received. You may find the Hearing Officers' Report regarding the AOEE at the following link:  
[http://metroairports.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=1&clip\\_id=1692&meta\\_id=34295](http://metroairports.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=1692&meta_id=34295)

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** Metropolitan Airports Commission

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## Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection Meeting

The Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection will meet at the Stassen Building - Department of Revenue - 600 N Robert St. Saint Paul, MN 55146 Room 2000 on 1/4/17 from 9am-3pm. For more information on this meeting, please see <https://www.egb.state.mn.us/content/governor%E2%80%99s-committee-pollinator-protection>

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