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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: March 6, 2013

Project Title: “Duluth Traverse” Mountain Bike Trail System

Description: The city of Duluth in partnership with COGGS (Cyclists of the Gitchee Gumees Shores) is proposing to construct Phase 1 of the Duluth Traverse, a sustainable multi-use natural-surface single-track trail system purpose built for mountain biking but suitable for many human powered recreational users which will stretch across Duluth along the ridgeline.

RGU: City of Duluth

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Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
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St. Paul, MN 55155-4194
Phone: 651-757-2873
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Project Title: Ponderosa Sanitary Landfill, SW-87

DESCRIPTION: Blue Earth County (County) Environmental Services is proposing to construct a 16-acre footprint expansion to the west of the existing Ponderosa Sanitary Landfill, located six miles southwest of Mankato, Minnesota. The Landfill is owned by the County and under the direction of the Environmental Services Department. The County purchased the Landfill in October 1996 and it is now operated under contract by Ponderosa Management Company, LLC. The proposed horizontal expansion is called Phase 6. The expansion also includes vertical components comprising Phases 4, 5, and 7. Municipal solid waste (approximately 35,600 tons per year), industrial waste (approximately 8,000 tons per year), and noncombustible Resource Recovery Technologies, LLC residuals (2,500 tons per year) are accepted at the landfill. In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft Solid Waste Permit will also be available for public comment beginning February 4, 2013. The contact person for the draft Solid Waste Permit is Sherri Nachtigal at 507-206-2600.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>. Written comments on the EAW should be submitted to William Lynott. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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PETITIONS FILED

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- City of Wabasha, Proposed Transportation of Frac Sand and Development of a Transfer and Storage Facility for Frac Sand by Jim Roemer (Wabasha County)

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Trunk Highway 169 Elk River to Zimmerman (MnDOT SP 7106-71 and MnDOT SP 7106-73), City of Elk River, City of Zimmerman, Livonia Township, Sherburne County, January 25, 2013 (November 1, 2010)

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the Minnesota Department of Transportation to construct a flood mitigation project from Saint Peter to Mankato in Nicollet County, Minnesota. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, EDA is conducting an environmental assessment (EA) of the proposed project.

The nine-mile project includes raising the grade of Highway 169 in four flood-prone areas and resurfacing the remaining six miles. It also includes the addition of a median barrier. The project will be located on U.S. Highway 169 from the Highway 14 Minnesota River Bridge at Mankato to the south Highway 22 intersection at Saint. Project information is available for review at the MnDOT District 7 Headquarters, 2151 Bassett Drive, Mankato, MN 56001, phone 507-304-6100 and ask for Project Manager Zachary Tess.

If you have any information regarding potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed project, please provide it in writing to:

Robin D. Bush, LEED, AP
Coordinator, Environmental & Strategic Analysis
US Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
Chicago Region
111 North Canal Street, Suite 855
Chicago, IL 60606-7208

A copy of the NEPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office. Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm on February 7, 2013 will be considered.

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37-10	May 6	May 13	June 12
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