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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: January 27, 2010

Project Title: Living Word Bible Camp

Description: The proposed Living Word Bible Camp will be a bible camp/retreat center for children and adults located on 253 acres. The development will be located on property along the east shore of Deer Lake. Proposed facilities include a lodge with chapel, office five cabins (dormitories), activity building, storage buildings, recreational facilities, ball field, campfire area, and a trail system.

RGU: Itasca County

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Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
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St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
Phone: 651-201-2480
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<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

Project Title: Highway 52 at CSAH 24 in Cannon Falls (S.P. 2056-52)

Description: Mn/DOT, along with the City of Cannon Falls, Goodhue County, adjoining townships, and the FHWA are working in partnership to address mobility, safety, and connectivity concerns along Trunk Highway (TH) 52 in the City of Cannon Falls. The proposed project includes replacing the two existing traffic signals at TH 52 in Cannon Falls with an interchange of CSAH 24 and TH 52. The interchange would be at the approximate location of 324th Street with an overpass at existing North CSAH 24 (315th Street). The final location or inclusion of this overpass will be dependent upon the findings of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, which will determine the extent of contamination at the intersection of TH 52 and north CSAH 24 (315th Street) and Highview Road are also included in the project concept. The project is not funded for construction at this time. The EA/EAW process is being done at this time to help guide local land use and transportation planning and to allow for improvement projects, consistent with the design concept, to be implemented as funding becomes available.

Copies of the EA/EAW, which documents the purpose and need of the project, along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, including Federal Section 106 and Section 4(f) impacts, are available for public review beginning **December 28th, 2009**, at the following locations:

- Mn/DOT Project Website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/hwy52cannonfalls/documents.html>
- Mn/DOT District 6 Offices, 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, MN
- Cannon Falls Library, 306 Mill Street West, Cannon Falls, MN
- Cannon Falls City Hall, 918 River Road, Cannon Falls, MN
- Goodhue County Government Center, 509 West 5th Street, Red Wing, MN

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the EA/EAW, a public hearing/open house meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Cannon Falls City Hall in the Council Chambers (918 River Road, Cannon Falls, MN 55009)**. Individuals with a disability, who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Mn /DOT Project Manager (see below) or the Minnesota Relay Service at the telephone numbers listed below.

The EA/EAW can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling Craig Lenz, Project Manager, at (507) 286-7542 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529 or (651) 296-9930 TTY.

Copies of the EA/EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The comment period will begin on **December 28th, 2009**. Comments will be accepted through **Wednesday, January 27, 2010**.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Contact Person:

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Project Title: Gengler Quarry

Description: The project consists of the expansion and continued operation of the Gengler Quarry. The nonmetallic dolomite quarry is being expanded into new areas of the mine site located in portions of sections 16 and 21 of Mayville Township, Houston County, Minnesota.

RGU: Houston County

Contact Person:

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EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do 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, I-694 Expansion – 35E to 35W Project, December 14, 2009 (August 13, 2007)
- Dakota County, Cedar Avenue Corridor Transitway Project, November 25, 2009 (November 17, 2009)
- Hutchinson City Council, Hutchinson Senior Housing development, November 24, 2009 (October 19, 2009)

FEDERAL EIS NEED DECISION - FONSI

Project Title: Minnesota Project BRNH-TCSP 09MN (003) –TH 61 Hasting Bridge Project

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that proposed replacement of the Hastings Bridge and associated roadway improvements, as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA), will have no significant impact on the human environment, and that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement EIS is not required. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on an EA that has been determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures.

NOTICE OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) AVAILABILITY

Project Title: UNIMIN Minnesota Corporation North Mine

Description: The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners announces that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) completed for a proposed expansion of the UNIMIN Minnesota Corporation silica sand mining operation consisting of approximately 1015.5-acres is available for public comment. Property is located in Section 15, 21, 22, 23, and 27 of Ottawa Township, Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

The project is nonmetallic mineral mining of a 1,015.5-acre site in an area where mining has occurred for 80 years. The mining involves excavation of overburden to expose sandstone that is blasted, placed in slurry form, and pumped to an existing processing plant. Reclamation will be ongoing as mining is conducted. The UNIMIN Minnesota Corporation, with offices located in Le Sueur County, Minnesota is the proposer of the project.

Copies of the DEIS are available for public examination locally, at the Le Sueur County Environmental Services office, 515 South Maple Avenue, Le Center, MN 56057-1652; the Le Center Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St, Le Center, MN 56082; and the Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry Street, Le Sueur, MN 56058. The DEIS will also be available on the County's website: <http://www.co.le-sueur.mn.us/EnvironmentalServices.html>.

The 30-day period for review and comments on the DEIS has been extended from **December 30, 2009 to January 15, 2010 at 4:30 PM** in order to give adequate time to review and submit comments on the DEIS.

Therefore, all comments must be submitted in writing to Le Sueur County as the Responsible Unit of Government (RGU) attn: Kathy Brockway, Planning & Zoning Administrator, 88 South Park Avenue, Le Center, MN 56057-1652, Phone 507-357-8538, Fax 507-357-8541, kbrockway@co.le-sueur.mn.us on or before 4:30 p.m. January 15, 2010.

AUAR UPDATE AVAILABLE

Project Title: Cedar Grove Redevelopment Area AUAR Update

On December 15, 2009, the City of Egan Council approved for distribution the Cedar Grove Redevelopment Area AUAR Update. This document updates the Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan adopted November 7, 2002. Update of the AUAR is required by Minnesota Rules 4410.3610, Subpart 7(A) if five years have passed since the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) adopted the original environmental analysis document and plan for mitigation.

The AUAR Update is distributed in accordance with Minnesota Rules 4410.3610, Subpart 5 (D-H) and Subpart 7. State agencies and the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities have ten days from the date of receipt of the AUAR Update to file an objection to the document with the City of Egan, the RGU. Persons not entitled to object to the document may submit comments to the RGU suggesting changes within the same ten day time limit. Objections and suggestions should be submitted to the attention of Jon Hohenstein, Community Development Director, City of Egan, 3830 Pilot Knob Road, Egan, MN 55122 or jhohenstein@cityofegan.com.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

ROTENONE APPLICATION PLANNED by the DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISH and WILDLIFE DIVISION

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning rotenone treatments of the County Ditch 86 and any tributaries, entering Courtland Bay on Swan Lake (DOW# 52-34) in Nicollet County, in Brighton Township (110N, range 29W, multiple sections). County Ditch 90 and its tributaries in the same township and range may also be treated.

This project will include the application of 2.5% synergized liquid rotenone, a federally and state registered pesticide to control carp. The chemical application will occur in sometime between January 2010 and March 2010. Rotenone distribution will be done by tank or backpack sprayer and by drip. Target treatment concentration will be 3-6 ppm of 2.5% liquid rotenone or a similar concentration of powdered rotenone, or a combination of liquid and powder. Smaller wetlands, ditches or drain tile outlets connected to the above ditch maybe treated if necessary.

Endangered or threatened species are not known to be present in these drainage ditches. Project goal is to remove the undesirable fish species, carp, in order to prevent invasion into Swan Lake, an important wildlife habitat lake in southern Minnesota.

For general information about this project contact the Area Wildlife Manager at 507-225-3572 or the Shallow Lake Program Supervisor at 218-833-8626.

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34-2	January 15 (Friday)	January 25	February 24
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34-4	February 12 (Friday)	February 22	March 24
34-5	March 1	March 8	April 7
34-6	March 15	March 22	April 21
34-7	March 29	April 5	May 5
34-8	April 12	April 19	May 19
34-9	April 26	May 3	June 2
34-10	May 10	May 17	June 16
34-11	May 21 (Friday)	May 31	June 30
34-12	June 7	June 14	July 14
34-13	June 21	June 28	July 28
34-14	July 2 (Friday)	July 12	August 11
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