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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comment Deadline: June 11, 2014

Project Title: Whiskey Creek Restoration

Project Description: The Buffalo-Red River Watershed District proposes a one mile long stream restoration of the Whiskey Creek using natural channel design downstream of MN Highway 9. The project will involve of channel restoration, expansion of vegetated riparian buffers and installation of side inlet sediment controls.

RGU: Buffalo Red River Watershed District

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Project Title: Buffalo River Restoration

Project Description: In an attempt to improve water quality, improve habitat and reduce erosion, the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District proposes to complete channel restoration of the Buffalo River in Hawley, MN. The project will reintroduce several meanders to locations where the river has been straightened in the past.

RGU: Buffalo River Restoration near Hawley, MN

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Project Title: Steelton Hill Double Track

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a second mainline railroad track adjacent to the existing mainline track on Steelton Hill. A portion of the mainline railroad track will be re-aligned to improve both the horizontal and vertical track alignment. The project will cross several streams and wetlands including two streams of high resource value as determined by the MnDNR. A Joint Permit Application has been submitted to and is currently being reviewed by the USACE, MnDNR and the City of Duluth as the LGU under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act.

RGU: City of Duluth

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Project Title: Hawkins, Inc. Rosemount Chemical Storage Facility Expansion

Project Description: Hawkins, Inc. (Hawkins) proposes to expand their existing chemical storage facility by adding eight additional storage tanks increasing the storage capacity to over 1.5 million gallons. Materials are delivered to the facility via tanker truck and railcar, mixed to meet customer specifications and distributed in bulk or tote containers via truck. All storage and processing of materials will be conducted above ground.

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 Karen Kromar. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

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Petitions Received

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 Kasson, Lions Park Project (located in Dodge County)

Scoping EAW for AUAR

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Project Title: French Lake Industrial Center

Project Description: The proposed French Lake Industrial Center project would entail the development of approximately 160.8 acres within the city of Dayton, MN. The land in question is generally bordered by French Lake to the east and Brockton Lane N to the west, and is currently primarily made up of open farm fields, wooded areas and wetlands. Complete development of the site would result in seven buildings containing 1.85M square feet of industrial warehousing and distribution space. By state statute, this level of development requires a mandatory environmental review, so an Alternative Urban Areawide Review will be prepared based upon the findings resulting from this EAW scoping document. The public is asked to provide feedback on environmental issues of concern for this site and alternatives that could be considered by the RGU for addition study.

RGU: City of Dayton

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Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet Available

Comment Deadline: June 11, 2014

Project Title: MnDot Trunk Highway (TH) 2 Passing and Turn lane Improvements Project

Project Description: MnDOT is proposing to construct three four-lane passing sections, three left-turn lanes, nine right-turn lanes and one bypass lane on TH 2 between Cass Lake and Deer River. The proposed Project also includes clearing trees within the safety clear zone and tree thinning in the three passing lane areas of the Project. The proposed Project would include obtaining additional easements from the Chippewa National Forest, including a 100-foot-wide permanent easement on the north side of TH 2 and a variable width permanent easement to the Soo Line trail and BNSF railroad on the south side of TH 2.

The comment period for this project will be May 12, 2014 through June 11, 2014. A copy of the EA/EAW can be accessed from MnDOT's website at <http://mndot.gov/d2/news.html>. Copies of the EA/EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current Minnesota EQB list and other interested parties. It will also be available in hard copy at the following locations:

- Bemidji City Hall, 317 – 4th St. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601
- Bemidji Public Library, 509 America Ave. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601
- Cass Lake City Hall, 330 – 2nd St. NW, Cass Lake, MN 56230
- Deer River City Hall, 60 – 2nd St. NE, Deer River, MN 56636
- Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest Supervisor, 200 Ash Ave. NW, Cass Lake, MN 56230

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

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Minnesota Department of Agriculture Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
14-NO-056	Rutgers University	wheat	Fungus Resistant	Dakota

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