

STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

October 6, 2015, 10:00 AM
 3rd Floor Conference Room
 Wallace State Office Building
 502 E. 9th Street
 Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

---Agenda Topics---

1	Approve Agenda	Decision
2	Approve Minutes of July 2015 Meeting	Decision
3	Decorah Ice Cave State Preserve – Upon realization of the presence of unauthorized trails in the preserve, the Decorah Parks & Recreation Department recently took the initiative to survey the preserve boundary, install missing boundary markers, re-route the Boa Trail off the preserve, and close the Snail Trail to bicycle and horse-riding traffic. The Department also recognizes the need to develop a preserve management plan. A field trip to the preserve by the Preserves Board is suggested for 2016.	Information – John Pearson
4	Cedar Hills Sand Prairie State Preserve – The Nature Conservancy and the Black Hawk County Conservation Board would like the support of the Iowa State Preserves Advisory Board to enter into an agreement for the management and eventual transfer of Cedar Hills Sand Prairie located in Black Hawk County from The Nature Conservancy to the Black Hawk County Conservation Board.	Decision – Scott Moats
5	Starr’s Cave State Preserve – Following approval by the Preserves Board of extension of the Flint River Trail through the preserve, staff of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines County Conservation Board, Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, and French-Reneker & Associates have worked together to develop a detailed plan for the trail that minimizes environmental impacts, including narrower width, segments rerouted to avoid steep grades and archaeological zones, and dismount segments where bicyclists will be required to walk their bikes up and down steep slopes. These exceptions to standard trail design will require approval by the Iowa Department of Transportation (the funding agency).	Information – Chris Lee and John Pearson
6	Riggleman-Soenksen Woods draft management plan – A second draft of the management plan has been prepared by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Comments would be appreciated for incorporation into a final draft to be presented at the January 2016 meeting.	Information – Ryan Schmidt and Glenn Pollock
7	Good Earth at Blood Run – A Cultural Resource Master Plan for the study area encompassing the proposed “Good Earth at Blood Run” site in Iowa is being coordinated by Quinn Evans Architects in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, other agencies, and the interested public. Gitchie Manitou State Preserve is located within the study area.	Information - John Pearson
8	Meeting schedule for 2016	Decision
9	Updates and General Discussion	