

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC

Land Management Project Approval

1. Management Agreement, Lee Co. - Turkey Run Access

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the renewal of a management agreement between the Lee County Conservation Board and the DNR to authorize the Board to manage Turkey Run Access through December 31, 2034.

Turkey Run Access is located on the Des Moines River approximately seven miles downstream of the City of Farmington, on the opposite side of the river from the state of Missouri. The agreement covers 10 acres purchased by the state in 1978. The area provides approximately ¼ mile of frontage on the river used for fishing access. A boat ramp and parking area are located on the site. The topography of the site has potential for development of campsites.

The Lee County Conservation Board has managed the area since the 1980's. The Board desires to continue its management. The agreement will be according to the terms and conditions of the standard DNR management agreement.

Staff recommends approval of the management agreement.

2. Management Agreement, Carroll Co. - Hazelbrush Wildlife Management Area

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the renewal of a management agreement between the Carroll County Conservation Board and the DNR to authorize County management of Hazelbrush Wildlife Management Area through July 31, 2034.

Hazelbrush Wildlife Management Area is located five miles northwest of the City of Carroll. The agreement covers 72 acres purchased by the state in 1980. Carroll County owns an additional 64 acres adjacent to the state property. The topography of the area is mostly steep. A deep valley and a creek traverse the property from north to south. A recreational trail constructed on an abandoned railroad grade crosses the property. The area provides excellent wildlife habitat.

Carroll County has managed the area since the 1980's. It desires to continue its management. The agreement will be according to the terms and conditions of the standard DNR management agreement.

Staff recommends approval of the management agreement.

3. Management Agreement, Clayton Co. - Pony Hollow Trail

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the renewal of a management agreement between the Clayton County Conservation Board and the DNR to authorize the Board to manage the Pony Hollow Trail through July 31, 2034.

Pony Hollow Trail is located adjacent easterly of the city of Elkader. The agreement covers 23 acres purchased by the state in 1977. The area is an abandoned railroad right-of-way upon which is located a 3.4-mile length recreational trail. The trail runs along the state owned Turkey River for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

The Clayton County Conservation Board has managed the area since the 1980's. The Board desires to continue its management. The agreement will be according to the terms and conditions of the standard DNR management agreement.

Staff recommends approval of the management agreement.

Attachment

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