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Mississippi River Recreation and Environmental Stewardship (ES)



Cultural survey on Pool 3 mitigation lands

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Location/ Project Components

The Mississippi River recreation and environmental stewardship functions are headquartered in La Crescent, Minnesota. The organization includes Blackhawk Park, a recreation area located 30 miles south of La Crescent with overnight camping, day-use areas and boat launching facilities. Operation and maintenance of three additional boat accesses at Bad Axe, Millstone, and Jay’s Lake Landings are also administered by this organization.

A progressive forestry/wildlife program is actively managed under an existing memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on approximately 50,000 acres held in Federal ownership in the project area. Much of this area makes up the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.

Fiscal

Site	09 Alloc	10 Alloc	11 Alloc	12 Alloc	13 Pres Budget
Mississippi River Rec & ES	1,801k	1,997k	2,034k	1,858k	1,680k

Operation

All recreation and environmental stewardship activities are completed by site staff located at La Crescent and Blackhawk Park. The staff for these organizations supports readiness (emergency) response activities in western Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota.

Status

Funding represented in the fiscal year 2013 President’s budget will fully support historical operation and maintenance activities on the Mississippi River including water level management, extensive real estate management work and operations of developed recreation areas. Fiscal year 2012 and 2013 funding for the ongoing endangered species (mussels) relocation, habitat manipulation, and monitoring program on the Mississippi River Nine Foot Channel project is minimal. The numbers reflected in the fiscal table also include significant funding for land management activities.



Shoreline fishing/day use at Blackhawk Park