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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, has assessed the environmental impacts of the following project:

EAU GALLE PROJECT MASTER PLAN

The Eau Galle Master Plan lays out future recommendations for management of both recreation and natural resources within the Eau Galle Project area. The Master Plan is a vital tool for the responsible stewardship of resources at the Eau Galle Project to benefit present and future generations. The Master Plan provides guidance and includes direction for appropriate management, use, development, enhancement, protection, and conservation of the natural, historic, and man-made resources at the Eau Galle Project. The Master Plan supersedes the 1964 and 1990 master plans, as well as the supplement to the 1990 Master Plan that was completed in 1999. The Master Plan provides a balanced, up-to-date management plan that follows current federal laws and regulations while sustaining Eau Galle Project's natural resources and providing outdoor recreational experiences.

I have reviewed the information provided in the accompanying Environmental Assessment, along with data obtained from cooperating federal, state, and local agencies and from the interested public. Based on this review, I find adopting and implementing the Eau Galle Project Master Plan will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Minor benefits are anticipated with the environmental, social, economic, and recreational parameters. Temporary minor adverse effects are anticipated with aesthetic values and recreational opportunities.

For the reasons above, the proposed action does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

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