



To: Director Marc Miller
From: Rafael Gutierrez, OLE *RG#332*
Date: January 31, 2012
Subject: Conditions on the Middle Fork (Vermilion River) in Vermilion County

Region 3 Conservation Police District 19 Supervisor Sgt. Tony Norman advises the conditions which prompted the Restricted Boating Area designation on the Middle Fork River in Vermilion County are no longer as significant. Region 3 Commander Captain Joe Morelock and Vermilion County Emergency Management Agency concur with the assessment.

The Middle Fork of the Vermilion River level above Oakwood, IL is 2.35 feet with a discharge of 454 cubic feet per second at 7:45 a.m.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has authorization to lift Restricted Boating Areas designation when navigation is no longer significantly dangerous.

Section 2030.80 Hazardous Navigation Conditions - Designated Restricted Boating Areas

In the event that the Department of Natural Resources determines the presence of conditions that make navigation of a body of water significantly dangerous to the public, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources may, in coordination with the federal government, designate Restricted Boating Areas on any affected body of water within the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois. This designation shall be made by public announcement in local media and by posting at local public boat launches and marinas, and the restricted area shall be physically marked by buoys, signs, manned watercraft or yellow police tape. This designation will remain in effect until the Director of the Department of Natural Resources determines that navigation is no longer significantly dangerous to the public, but in no case shall the designation remain in effect longer than 90 days. Recision of the Restricted Boating Area designation shall be publicly announced in local media and posted at local public boat launches and marinas and any markings shall be removed.

(Source: Added at 29 Ill. Reg. 15550, effective September 27, 2005)

I recommend that Restricted Boating Area designation be lifted for the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River effective at 8:00 a.m. on January 31, 2012. If you approve, please sign below and the Conservation Police will coordinate the lifting of Restricted Boating Area designation with the local authorities.

Marc Miller
Approved By Director Marc Miller

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Date