
Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Refuge Management Committee

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Dear Jim:

The Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee is currently planning and implementing several projects within the Wildlife Area that require knowing the location of the regional trails within the management area. For example:

1. Implementation of the Facilities Plan, recently adopted by the Committee and Metro Council, will proceed in Fiscal Year 00/01. This plan outlines new trail alignment and improvements, including possible partial removal of the old Marine Drive asphalt.
2. Revegetation projects adjacent to and, possibly, within potential trail alignments are being placed on-hold pending more knowledge of regional trail alignments.
3. The pending North Slough bank stabilization project proposed by Metro REM may have significant *impact* on future trails.
4. *proposed* The removal of the dam at the east end of North Slough, tentatively scheduled for Fall 2000, must be designed for a trail soon if it is to accompany one.

It is imperative that planning for the regional trail system within the Smith and Bybee Lakes area proceed as quickly as possible. Otherwise, opportunities may be lost and constraints imposed. Whatever you can do to re-vitalize the trail planning process will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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