

Thursday, December 6

On a snowy night in Arrow Rock, five people attended a public listening meeting focusing on long-term planning for Big Muddy NWFR. The Refuge received two written comments at the meeting that expressed various priorities for Refuge management. The comments are paraphrased in the following paragraphs:

One individual thanked the Refuge for providing “excellent trails” in Arrow Rock. The writer expressed support for additional trails, perhaps including primitive trails, that would follow the road to the new chute and connect with an existing trail.

Another individual said that people traveling the River are interested in being able to dock at Arrow Rock and travelers would also like to have directional signage for the community on the River. The writer noted that the road to the slough needs gravel; bicycles should be allowed on the trail; there should be a loop trail from the existing trail to the slough; tree height should not interfere with the view of the River from the overlook; the Refuge should work with the Arrow Rock Fire Department and others on emergency planning; hunters should continue to be able to use carts; there should be an archeological investigation of a steamboat.