

**UNITED STATES FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT**

***Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration  
Southeast Missouri Ozarks Regional Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment  
Riparian Corridor Restoration and Protection***

Within the spirit and intent of the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and have determined that the action of the acquisition of equivalent resources under Alternative D of the *Southeast Missouri Ozarks Regional Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment* for the:

Southeast Missouri Lead Mining District: ASARCO, West Fork Mine and Mill Site  
And  
Southeast Missouri Lead Mining District: ASARCO, Big River Mine Tailings Site

  X   is categorically excluded under the Department of the Interior's Departmental Manual for Managing the NEPA process within Fish and Wildlife Service. The applicable exclusions include, but are not necessarily limited to: 8.5 B(3) and 8.5 E(1) 516 DM 6, Appendix 1 (Chapter 8) . The criteria established for extraordinary circumstances in section 43 CFR 46.215 do not apply to this action. No further documentation will therefore be made.

       is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

       is found to have significant effects, and therefore further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the Federal Register announcing the decision to prepare an EIS.

       is not approved because of unacceptable environmental damage, or violation of Fish and Wildlife Service mandates, policy, regulations, or procedures.

       is an emergency action within the context of 40 CFR 1506.11. Only those actions necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency will be taken. Other related actions remain subject to NEPA review.

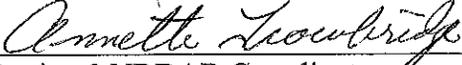
**Other supporting documents (list):**

*Implementing Agricultural Practices, Streambank Restoration, and Land Protection in the Southeast Missouri Ozarks: A Response to the Request for Proposals for Natural Resource Damage Restoration Projects for Riparian, Wetland, and Floodplain Habitat within Big and Black River Watersheds in the Southeast Missouri Lead Mining District*

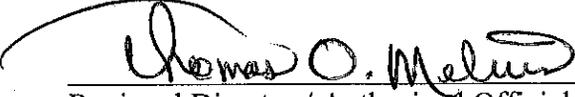
*Riparian, Wetland, and Floodplain Habitat Restoration Proposal within the Big and Black River Watersheds of Southeast Missouri from the Soil and Water Conservation District Program*

*Department of the Interior, Departmental Manual Part 516, Chapter 8, "Managing the NEPA Process—U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service"*

*FWS Form 3-2185 NEPA Compliance Checklist*

  
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Region 3 NRDAR Coordinator

5-20-15  
Date

  
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Regional Director / Authorized Official

May 22, 2015  
Date