

STATE OF MISSOURI
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Mr. Bruce Nesslage
U.S. Department of the Interior
Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program
1849 C Street NW
Mailstop 3548-MIB
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Resolution No. TSMD-2014-004

Dear Mr. Nesslage:

Pursuant to the attached Resolution No. TSMD-2014-004, the Missouri Natural Resource Trustee Council is requesting the release of \$327,562 to continue to identify potential restoration projects, release numerous requests for proposals, and evaluate and select appropriate restoration projects. The funds shall be withdrawn from the following subaccounts:

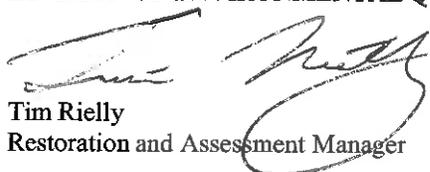
Name of Site	NRDAR Account Number	Amount to be Allocated
Jasper County, MO	0586	\$327,562

The funds should be allocated in the amount of \$187,562 to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and in the amount of \$140,000 to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Columbia Missouri Field Office.

Please remit these funds as soon as possible. If you have questions or need further information, please contact me at (573) 526-3353, or Mr. John Weber, of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, at (573) 234-2132 ext. 177.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY


Tim Rielly
Restoration and Assessment Manager

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Enclosure

MISSOURI NATURAL RESOURCES TRUSTEE COUNCIL
ORONOGO-DUENWEG MINING BELT (JASPER COUNTY)
AND NEWTON COUNTY MINE TAILINGS SITES

RESOLUTION NO. TSMD-2014-004

The cooperating natural resource trustees for the Oronogo-Duenweg Mining Belt (Jasper County) and Newton County Mine Tailings Natural Resource Damage Assessments (the State of Missouri and the U.S. Department of the Interior) have consulted and determined that natural resource restoration implementation and monitoring for the Springfield Plateau should be funded as funds are available from the ASARCO LLC bankruptcy settlement.

We request a release of \$327,562 which will be used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The USFWS will use \$140,000 of the total to continue to identify potential restoration projects, release additional Requests for Proposals (RFPs), conduct a primary restoration pilot project, as well as evaluate and select appropriate restoration projects using the RFP process laid out in the completed regional restoration plan. The Trustees expect to expend significant time on implementation of restoration projects during the remainder of State FY2015 (ending June 30, 2015). The MDNR will use \$187,562 over the same time period to assist in the completion of the above described tasks.

This total amount shall be made up from a withdrawal from the following subaccounts from the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund:

Name of Site	NRDAR Account Number	Amount to be Transferred
Jasper County, Mo	0586	\$327,562

The funds shall be allocated as follows:

USFWS – Columbia, Missouri Field Office (Not to Exceed) \$140,000

Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Not to Exceed) \$187,562

The amounts for the USFWS and MDNR shall be distributed as soon as is practicable by the NRDAR Fund Manager.

These funds are derived solely from the “Settlement Agreement Regarding the Tri-State Mining District Sites” captioned “IN RE: ASARCO LLC, ET AL, DEBTORS”, Case No.05-21207 Chapter 11, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (Corpus Christi Division). This Settlement Agreement was approved by the Court on February 4, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Rielly at (573) 526-3353 or Dave Mosby at (573) 234-2132 x 113.

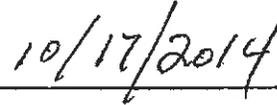
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Dr. Benjamin N. Tuggle, Authorized Official
Regional Director, Region 2, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

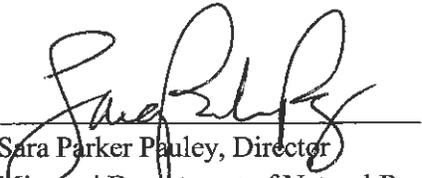


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Sara Parker Pauley, Director
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

10/17/14

Date