Trustee Agencies Announce Public Meeting to Discuss Proposed Restoration Actions

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, acting on behalf of the public as Trustees for natural resources, invite the public to an informational meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, to learn about upcoming projects proposed by the Trustees to restore natural resources in St. Francois County. The meeting will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Private Dining Room, Mineral Area College, 5270 Flat River Road, Park Hills, MO.

Agency representatives and their restoration partners will be on hand to discuss proposed projects that would use recovered ASARCO funds to help restore natural resources injured by mining wastes released from historic mining operations in St. Francois County. ASARCO owned and operated the Federal mine and mill; now Missouri Mines State Historic Site and St. Joseph State Park. At the meeting, the Trustees will provide an update on ASARCO restoration projects and describe the Trustees’ plans for the future.

St. Francois County is part of the larger Southeast Missouri Lead Mining District. The Southeast Missouri Lead Mining District spans multiple counties from 40 to 90 miles south southwest of St. Louis, Missouri, and is located in the Big River, Black River and St Francis River watersheds. It is one of the largest lead-producing regions of the world.

Public participation is an important part of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration process. Input from the public on future restoration projects is encouraged and will be accepted at the meeting during a break out availability session as well as through comment cards available to all in attendance. Members of the public should submit their comments to:

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