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Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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Temporary Avoidance Area Established

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) McGregor District Manager, Rich King, announced today that there will be a temporary avoidance area established around the Capoli Environmental Management Project (EMP) in Pool 9, Crawford County, Wisconsin.

The Capoli Environmental Management Project involves construction of several islands. This project began in 2012 and continues to the present.

In establishing the temporary avoidance area, the USFWS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and state partners have attempted to strike a balance between providing recreational opportunities at this popular location and the safety of construction workers at their work site. As was the case in 2012 & 2013, the area will be open to recreational use unless construction is occurring. During construction activity, visitors must stay out of the entire work site/avoidance area. This area is delineated with signs. A map outlining the avoidance area is attached below. The map will also be posted at area boat landings and on the Refuge website at www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver.

Failure to honor this temporary closure could result in the area being closed to all recreational use until construction ends later this year.

For additional information on this news release or other Refuge information please call 563-873-3423, or e-mail richard_king@fws.gov

Map Below



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