

SHORT SUSPENSE!!!

The FY 05 Budget Passback included some language specific to the recreation program. Although we can't tell you the details right now, we need some input from you on a very short turn around. The details should be available to share with you next week, I think.

We need to identify 6 - 8 projects that have a certain set of characteristics:

1. A willingness and available personnel resources to participate in a multi-year recreation initiative.
2. An interested, involved local community, which has a history of active, positive participation in project concerns.
3. The availability of potential partners, willing and able to participate in joint efforts to improve recreation opportunities at the project.
4. A need for improved or expanded recreation opportunities at the project, as illustrated by unmet demand, deteriorated or failing recreation infrastructure, customer complaints or requests for unavailable facilities and services, etc.
5. The potential for significantly increased fee collection resulting from the improved or expanded recreation opportunities identified in number 4 above.

Each MSC is requested to submit nominations for 1 -2 projects meeting the above criteria to George Tabb by COB, Wednesday, 10 December 2003. Please describe briefly how each project meets each of the above criteria. Those projects currently identified as Recreation Demonstration Lakes should be considered for nomination, if they meet the above criteria.

We understand that this is a very short and difficult time frame, and apologize for what certainly will appear to be an unreasonable request. It is, however, all the time we have in which to take advantage of a potentially very beneficial opportunity. We will be scrambling here to complete our part of the task, as well.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request.

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