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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTIONS-OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: American Recreation Coalition's Beacon Award 2008 Selection

1. The American Recreation Coalition (ARC) has chosen the St Louis District's Rivers Project Office and its Pike's Passage, Mississippi River Water Trail Development as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recipient of the 2008 Beacon Award.
2. ARC created the Beacon Award to recognize leadership and innovation in utilizing technology to enhance visitor services and recreation management on public lands and waters. Pike's Passage provides recreational opportunities along the Mississippi River for access, day use, and overnight camping to the boating public. Through the ingenious use of Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping and World Wide Web technology, project staff are able to generate data and maps that allow the public to navigate easily to access points, day use areas and primitive campsite locations. Through partnerships with the American Canoe Association, the St. Louis Canoe and Kayak Club, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the development and operational future of this trail is assured.
3. The Rivers Project Office and its partners were recognized at the kickoff event for Great Outdoors Week, 9 June 2008, in Washington, D.C. I extend my congratulations to the Rivers Project staff and partners for this success and honor of being a Beacon Award recipient.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. L. Stockton".

STEVEN L. STOCKTON, P.E.
Director of Civil Works