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Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan for the Rouge River Mystery Oil Spill

Trustee Agencies:

- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- o Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- o Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- o Michigan Department of the Attorney General

Abstract: The Natural Resource Trustee Agencies (Trustees) present a description and quantification of the injuries and the proposed restoration projects to compensate for the impacts of the Rouge River Mystery Oil Spill that occurred in Detroit, Michigan on April 9 and 12, 2002. The spill affected wildlife and habitat in the Rouge and Detroit Rivers as well as western Lake Erie. The Trustees propose four projects for compensation of the injured resources. The proposed projects are:

- o Humbug Marsh Wetland Restoration / Monguagon Creek Habitat Improvements
- o Gibraltar Wetland Restoration
- o Lake Erie Metropark Great Lakes Marsh Restoration
- o Pointe Mouillee Wetland Restoration

The Trustees are seeking comments from the public on this Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan. The Trustees will consider the comments received as they make the final selection of projects and complete the final Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan. They will then seek funding to implement the restoration projects from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund.

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http://www.fws.gov/midwest/es/ec/nrda/RougeRiver/index.html