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The Otter Slough CA management plan is open for public review until June 30.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is in the multi-year process of updating Conservation Area Management Plans, and is seeking public input on how the Otter Slough Conservation Area (CA) is important to Missourians. The Otter Slough CA management plan is open for public review until June 30.

MDC invites comments from recreational users, neighboring landowners, conservation groups, elected officials, government agencies, and other interested persons or groups. To make a comment on this area plan, go online to **www.mdc.mo.gov/areaplans**.

MDC manages nearly 1,000 conservation areas covering almost one million public acres throughout the state for the purpose of restoring and conserving fish, forest and wildlife resources, and for providing appropriate public use, research and demonstration areas.

Conservation Area Management Plans document strategies for natural resource management and public use on specific conservation areas. Area plans also help communicate an area's purpose and management direction to staff and interested citizens.

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“It’s important that citizens have a chance to provide their input to their conservation areas,” said Matt Bowyer, MDC Area Supervisor. “We provide a service by managing the area and providing habitat to promote wildlife health as well

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Conservation Area Management Plans do not address regulations on hunting, fishing and other area uses, which are set by the Conservation Commission and enforced under the Wildlife Code of Missouri.

Area plans are currently posted on the MDC website and available at MDC offices for public comment for a limited time.

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