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# Information Paper

## Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Rush Bottom Bend, MO



*Looking south along the existing slough at the Rush Bottom Bend site, May 2004*

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### Location

8 miles west of Mound City in Holt County,  
Missouri.

### Description

The Rush Bottom Bend mitigation site is currently 811 acres in size. The lands are adjacent to the left descending bank of the Missouri River at river miles 502 to 499. The Corps of Engineers purchased the lands at the mitigation site from willing sellers in 1996 through 1999.

The Rush Bottom Bend lands have been turned over to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for short-term management while additional acquisitions are attempted to round out the site. Through the annual management plan process, MDC has planted native grasses and trees.

A majority of the area is being leased for agricultural production pending additional acquisitions.

In the future, the Corps plans to modify the existing structures along the bank of the river to improve aquatic diversity in the river. The existing slough is the site of a former side channel that has been closed off from the river. Pending purchase of additional lands, the Corps may attempt to re-open a side channel on the site.

### Current Status

In Fall 2004, the Corps will be completing the Environmental Assessment for the site. The work in the preferred alternative will be installed over the next few years, pending available funds. Meanwhile, the area is open to the public for a variety of uses including bird watching, hiking, and hunting when in season.



*USGS TerraServer 1999 aerial photo of Rush Bottom Bend mitigation site*