



News Release

The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District has entered into an agreement with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to improve boater access and fishing opportunities at two of the District's reservoirs along Central's Supply Canal.

The project at the Plum Creek Canyon Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA), southwest of Lexington, will include construction of a new 16' x 80' concrete boat ramp to replace the existing gravel ramp and a new a fishing node and a sidewalk adjacent to the ramp. Improvements will also be made to the parking area and the access road to the site. The site is located on the south side of the reservoir and is accessible from Dawson County Road 750.

Improvements will also be made at the Jeffrey Lake WMA, located south of Brady. Access to an existing concrete boat ramp will be enhanced with improvements to the adjacent parking area and addition of a sidewalk. A new fishing node will be constructed near the boat ramp and a launch pad for kayaks and canoes will be added. The site is located on the east side of the reservoir just south of the outlet and is accessible from Brady-Moorefield Road.

All improvements will be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Central will contribute \$10,000 and 80 hours of labor and will furnish a bulldozer and excavator to perform the earthwork. The NGPC will provide the remaining funds necessary to complete the projects and select a contractor to design and construct the improvements. NGPC also was responsible for acquiring the necessary permits and approvals from various state and federal agencies prior to project construction.

Both projects are a result of a recent statewide inventory on needed improvements to boat launch facilities and will be financed through the NGPC Capital Maintenance Fund and a federal grant of Sport Fish Restoration dollars. Total expenditures by NGPC on the projects will not exceed \$200,000.

General Manager Don Kraus said that Central and NGPC share a desire to improve recreational access to waters within Central's project area.

"We appreciate the NGPC's willingness to take the lead on these improvement projects," Kraus said. "They will make it easier for more people to enjoy recreational opportunities at Plum Creek Canyon and Jeffrey Lakes."

Olsson Associates of Lincoln will coordinate both construction projects. Construction is expected to begin on the Plum Creek project in early July and on the Jeffrey Lake project in mid-September.

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