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OAKWOOD BOTTOMS GREENTREE RESERVOIR UPDATE

Harrisburg, IL, October 28, 2008 - Mississippi Bluffs District Ranger Dan Lentz announces that part of the traditionally flooded units in the Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Reservoir will not be flooded for the upcoming waterfowl hunting season. Due to the ongoing Big Muddy Levee repairs being completed with a contract through the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, all of the flooding units that are adjacent to the levee will not be flooded this season.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. However, we are looking forward to having a much safer levee system not only for our waterfowl hunters but also for our local communities that use this levee system for access," said Lentz. "Your understanding is greatly appreciated," he went on to say.

For further information on the status the flooding in the Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Reservoir, you can contact the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station at (618) 833-8576 or the Murphysboro Work Center at (618) 687-1731.

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