

**CWPPRA Dedication Ceremony**  
**Comments for Colonel Peter J. Rowan**  
**Cameron, LA (Apache Louisiana Minerals Property)**  
**August 15, 2003**

*(Theme of the ceremony – projects represent a piece of the restoration puzzle.)*

Welcome. Self introduction.

As Chairman of the task force, recognize the significance of dedications...represent joint efforts, partnerships in restoring coastal Louisiana.

A variety of restoration projects recognized today...eventually, a comprehensive array of projects, like pieces of a complicated puzzle, will become part of one monumental movement ... sponsored by federal, state, and local governments, natural resource interests, businesses and environmental groups, and all those who have a stake in restoring our fragile and fertile coastal marsh wetlands ... you are here today for the same reason and I thank you for coming.

DEDICATED (4 projects):

**1. Holley Beach Sand Management (NRCS) –**

- Bank nourishment along Gulf of Mexico between Holly & Constance beaches
- Pumping sand onto eroded beach
- Acres benefited: 330 acres of beach dune and coastal chenier habitat
- Cost: \$19.3 million

**2. Humble Canal Hydrologic Restoration (NRCS) –**

- Water control structure to manage water levels in Mermentau Basin
- Replacing the existing Humble Canal structure to restore water management capabilities
- Acres benefited: 5,500 acres of fresh and intermediate marsh
- Cost: \$1.5 million

**3. Four Mile Canal Terracing & Sediment Trapping (NMFS) –**

- Sediment and nutrient trapping
- Reduction of shoreline erosion will be achieved by the buffering capacity of terraces constructed from dredged material and planting of smooth cordgrass
- Acres benefited: 167 acres of marsh/habitat
- Cost: \$5.09 million

#### **4. Pecan Island Terracing (NMFS)**

- Sediment and nutrient trapping
- Five miles north of the Gulf of Mexico in southeastern Vermilion Parish, just south of Pecan Island
- Reduce marsh erosion by creating emergent terraces to minimize wave and create linear marsh features & convert open water back to vegetated and brackish marsh
- Acres benefited: 442 acres of linear marsh features
- Cost: \$2.2 million

#### GROUNDBREAKING (1 project):

##### **1. Grand-White Lake Landbridge Restoration (FWS)**

- Shoreline Protection
- Reduce danger of breaching land bridge by building two miles of shoreline stabilization with fish-sediment access, restoring marsh along Grand Lake shoreline, and installing vegetated linear terraces
- Acres benefited: 213 acres
- Cost: \$9.6 million

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#### 5 PROJECTS COMBINED:

Total Acres Benefited: 6,652  
Total Cost: \$37.69 million