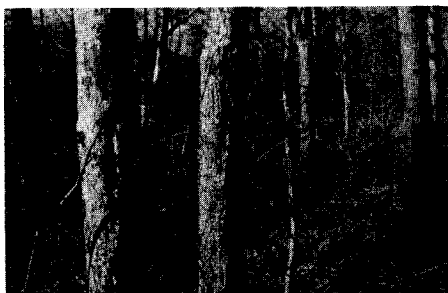


Update: Logging Lawsuit
**State Files to
 Dismiss Complaint**

On jurisdictional grounds, the State of Illinois filed a motion to dismiss the Sierra Club lawsuit that would prevent the Illinois Department of Conservation (DOC) from logging trees in Illinois State Parks and Conservation Areas. The Jersey County Circuit Court in Jerseyville, where the suit was filed, was scheduled to hear oral arguments on the motion to dismiss on January 13; the Court probably handed down a ruling on the motion that same day.

See the next issue of *Lake & Prairie* for actual results and further developments. Meanwhile . . . **please put the Illinois Sierra Club on your contribution list.** Lawsuits run into many thousands of dollars. Your support is urgently needed. Look at it this way: you may not feel rich, but the inflatable dollars you send us are far more easily replaceable than trees—especially first-growth trees—that nature spends decades and centuries growing. So put your transitory, here-today-gone-tomorrow dollars into something of enduring value that you can enjoy year after year . . . *Trees.*

MARALYN HAMAKER



Forest giants marked for cutting at Pere Marquette State Park.

(photos by Ted Woodbury.)



MRCC Report

At the last Midwest Regional Conservation Committee (MRCC) meeting, much discussion during the two day meeting focused on the Club's finances. Marty Fluharty, Board liaison to the MRCC, explained recent Board actions to help put club finances back on solid footing. Major causes of last year's budget overruns included postage increases and slower-than-expected Club growth.

Alaska, Lock and Dam 26, B.W.C.A., and other legislative issues were discussed and actions for the last few days of the 95th Congress were planned. Rare II and Great III were discussed. The next step for Rare II, now that the Draft EIS responses are in, will be review of the Forest Service's Final EIS, and then planning legislative follow-up when the new Congress convenes. Great III is becoming more of a fiasco, as the Corps of Engineers continue to impede interagency cooperation through total control of public participation, steering committee, and budget. Both the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Fish and Wildlife Service had indicated they will ask the Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission to intercede, and if a true inter-agency study cannot be effected, MDNR and USFWS will withdraw from Great III. Those groups along the Mississippi should become active in the Great III work groups and attend the public participation meetings.

Two Regional Taskforces are in the formative stage. All groups and members interested in the issues of the Great Lakes or Solid and Hazardous Waste should contact Ellen Knox, 1900 E. 30th Street, #506, Cleveland, OH 44114; or Grant Trigger, 5110 Horger, Dearborn, MI 48126; respectively.

The Midwest office moved as of November 1. The new address is 142 West Gorham, Madison, WI 53703; the telephone number remains the same: (600) 257-4994.

Election of 1979 MRCC officers was conducted. Bill Yerkes of Mackinac Chapter will serve as Regional Vice President and MRCC chairperson, John Embry of Cumberland Chapter will serve as vice-chairperson, and Jim Kirk of Great Lakes Chapter will serve as sec-treasurer. The next MRCC meeting will be near Chicago (Camp Reinberg, Palatine, IL) the 23rd, 24th and 25th of February. Call the Chapter office early in February for further details. All Club members are welcome to attend the MRCC meetings.

JIM KIRK,

Interim MRCC Representative

Short Essay on Volunteerism


We, the willing,
 Led by the unknowing,
 Are doing the impossible
 For the ungrateful.
 We have done so much
 For so long,
 With so little,
 We are now qualified
 To do anything
 With nothing.

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