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### Public Review: Draft Environmental Assessment for Maple River Restoration Projects

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in partnership with Conservation Resource Alliance announce the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the following Maple River Restoration Projects:

- Lake Kathleen Dam Removal
- Maple River- Woodland Road Crossing
- East Branch Maple River- Private Two-Track Crossing

The EA under consideration was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act process and provides a description of the overall project Purpose and Need, alternatives considered as part of the analysis, and an assessment of impacts from project alternatives. Alternatives considered in detail include the following:

- *No Action*: Leave dam and road crossings in place.
- *Maintain Dam*: Build fish ladder; replace road crossing culverts with channel spanning bridges.
- *Partial Removal of Dam*: Replace road crossing culverts with channel spanning bridges.
- *Full Removal of Dam*: Replace road crossing culverts with channel spanning bridges.

The Draft EA is available for public review and comment. The Draft EA document may be viewed for 30 days from the date of this notice at the following locations:

- Pellston Branch Library, 125 Milton Road, Pellston, MI 49769;
- Pellston Post Office, 146 Stimpson Dr, Pellston, MI 49769;
- USFWS, Alpena Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, 480 W. Fletcher St., Alpena, MI 49707;
- Conservation Resource Alliance Office, 10850 Traverse Hwy Suite 1180, Traverse City, MI 49684;
- Draft EA documents are also available online at [www.rivercare.org](http://www.rivercare.org)

Comments must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, February 16, 2018 to:

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