



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

Project Description

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has awarded \$18,900 in Recovery Act Funds to T. McDonald Construction, Inc. of Eufaula, Okla. to replace a water control structure at Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Muskogee County, Okla.



Photo is of Slippy Ann Slough at Sequoyah NWR. At the bottom of the photo is the current water control structure to be replaced with Recovery Act funds.

The new water control structure will be installed at Slippy Ann Slough located in the Webber Bottoms Unit of the Refuge. The project is the only Recovery Act funded project currently scheduled at Sequoyah NWR.

The Recovery Act funding will be used in conjunction with Service maintenance funds in the amount of \$417,745 to pave 1.6 miles of road and replace four roadway culverts leading to the five-acre Slippy Ann Slough, which is home to many species of migratory waterfowl and resident wildlife.

The project may at times inconvenience users of Slippy Ann Slough, but this is expected to be a minimal inconvenience. Project leaders will attempt to work around peak times of use at the popular location.

Project Benefits

Sequoyah NWR is used by a wide variety of visitors for wildlife related recreational activities including hunting and bird watching. Slippy Ann Slough is one of Sequoyah’s more popular locations. The new water control structure, as well as the newly paved road, will not only allow the staff to better manage the five-acre lagoon, but also provide an enhanced outdoor experience for the public utilizing the national wildlife refuge.

Total Budget Information for Project at:

Sequoyah NWR: \$436,645*

- Recovery Act Funds: \$18,900
- Service Maintenance Funds: \$417,745

For More Information

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