



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 recently announced T. McDonald Construction, Inc. of Eufaula, Oklahoma has completed replacing a water control structure at Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Muskogee County, Oklahoma utilizing \$18,900 in Recovery Act funds.



A new metal water control structure and rip rap (left) project was completed in July with Recovery Act funds. The paving of an access road was done at the same time.

The project, which began in January, was completed in early July. The new metal water control structure is installed at Slippery Ann Slough located in the Webber Bottoms Unit of the Refuge. The project is the only Recovery Act funded project at Sequoyah NWR.

The company also finished paving a 1.5 mile access road and replacing roadway culverts at the Refuge using \$417,745 in Service maintenance funds at the same time as the water control project. The road and culverts provide

access to the 3-acre Slippery Ann Slough, which is home to many species of migratory waterfowl and resident wildlife, as well as Dirty Creek boat landing and Eagle Point fishing area.

The company performed additional work during the project including the installation of \$21,027 worth of rip rap, which consists of large rocks placed on the pond bank to prevent soil erosion near the new water control structure.

Project Benefits

Sequoyah NWR is used by a variety of visitors for wildlife related recreational activities including fishing, hunting, and bird watching. Slippery Ann Slough is one of Sequoyah’s more popular locations. The new water control structure and newly paved road will allow staff to better manage the pond and provide an enhanced outdoor experience for the public utilizing the Refuge.

Budget Information for Project

Original Project Estimate: \$436,645*

Actual Project Cost: \$457,672

For More Information

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