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at Bow Creek Recreation

Korman emphasized the chosen plan would, at a minimum, maintain the status quo. "We're not taking away anything that's already there. We want to provide more of what people want," he said.

All four alternatives meet the environmental assessment, he said. The proposals take into account recreation, cultural and natural resources. Those factors include American Indian cultural sites and species such as the least tern and piping plover.

The draft plan identifies actions for recreational site development, resources management and interpretation/ education. It also establishes management policy on certain issues, such as site access, hunting, hiking and

camping.
Besides providing input on which services to offer, the public comments would also help determine what users are willing to pay — or not pay — for improvements, Clark said.

"If we need to issue a permit and charge fees, would that be palatable?" he asked. "We would vet things out and see if we're on the right way.'

The current process also keeps the MNRR in compliance with the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA), which requires a property management plan.

The MNRR drew up a general management plan in 1998, Korman said. However, the three properties under current consideration were acquired later and not covered by the original plan. The NPS acquired Mulberry Bend and Bow Creek Recreation Area in 2004 and Green Island - located just west of the south end of Discovery Bridge - in 2014.

Green Island and Mulberry Bend were given to the National Park Service by the Nebraska Department of Roads as mitigation for the bridge construction of the Vermillion-Newcastle and the Discovery Bridge at Yankton,

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Korman said. Bow Creek Recreation Area was purchased from a willing seller with federally authorized funds.

Different groups may hold different ideas on what they want to see with the three properties, Korman said. The Wynot program drew people interested in two different subjects, he said.

"At Wynot, they were interested in drawing more people through town who were on their way to (Missouri River) recreation," he said. "We had also property owners who asked whether this (management proposal) will affect their land, and we told them it wouldn't."

Korman stressed the importance of receiving public input on the three MNRR properties.
"We want to provide

a wide range of public activities, like hiking, day use and some primitive campgrounds," he added. "We want to know if this is what the public wants to see and wants us to do (with the properties).'

However, the public needs to provide its comments by the Nov. 18 deadline, Korman said.

"We want people to learn as much as they can about these properties. We want to know if we're on track or if there is something else we should be considering," he

"If we publish the deci-

sion document this winter, we will implement it this spring. It's much more difficult to make changes after the plan is implemented."

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The public may provide comments in any of the following ways:

• Attend any of the public meetings and fill out a comment sheet.

• Comment online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ mnrrpropertyplan.

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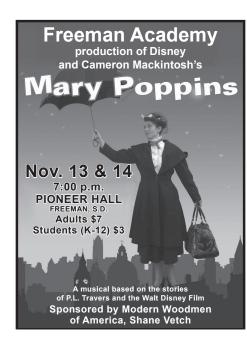








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