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NRDA Public Meeting June 4 in Long Beach

(JACKSON, Miss.) – The *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Trustees released a draft plan Wednesday that proposes 10 early restoration projects across the Gulf states.

The Draft IV Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessments is available for public review and comment through June 19. It can be viewed at www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov and will also be available at a public meeting on June 4 in Long Beach.

The meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the FEC Auditorium on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Campus, 730 East Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, 39560. The public meeting will begin with an interactive open house during which Trustee staff will be available to discuss project details. The open house will be followed by a formal presentation and opportunity for the public to provide comments to Trustee representatives.

The two projects proposed in Mississippi are:

- Bike and Pedestrian Use Enhancements at Davis Bayou, Gulf Islands National Seashore
- Mississippi District.
- Restoring Living Shorelines and Reefs in Mississippi Estuaries Coastal Mississippi.

For more information about the proposed projects visit www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov. Comprehensive information on all aspects of restoration in Mississippi can be found at www.restore.ms.

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