Reynolds County River Accesses

Centerville Access
Lesterville Access

Ten-Year Area Management Plan
FY 2016-2025

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OVERVIEW

Area Name	Area Number	Year Acquired	Acreage	County	Administrative Responsibility	Maintenance Responsibility
Centerville Access	9129	1977	50	Reynolds	Forestry	Forestry
Lesterville Access	9201	1964	53	Reynolds	Forestry	Forestry

Statements of Purpose:

A. Strategic Direction

These areas are managed to provide public fishing access to the Black River for boat and bank anglers.

B. Desired Future Condition

The desired future landscape conditions of Centerville Access and Lesterville Access are natural landscapes with limited development that promote recreation.

C. Federal Aid Statement

N/A

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

I. Special Considerations

Area Name	Priority Areas	Natural Areas
Centerville Access	Yes[1]	None
Lesterville Access	Yes[2]	None

[1] Upper Black Breaks Terrestrial Conservation Opportunity Area, Priority Forest Landscape, Black River Fisheries Priority Watersheds

[2] Upper Black Breaks Terrestrial Conservation Opportunity Area, Priority Forest Landscape

II. Important Natural Features and Resources

Area Name	Species of Conservation Concern	Caves	Springs
Centerville Access	Yes[1]	None	None
Lesterville Access	Yes[1]	None	None

[1] Species of conservation concern are known from this area. Area Managers should consult the Natural Heritage Database annually and review all management activities with the Natural History Biologist.

III. Existing Infrastructure

Area Name	Concrete Ramp	Boat Slide	Parking Area #
Centerville Access	None	None	1[a]
Lesterville Access	None	None	1[b]

[a] Canoe launch only

[b] Due to Black River changing its course, this site no longer provides adequate access to the river.

IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations

Area Name	Deed Restrict-ions	Federal Interest	Ease-ments	Cultural Resources	Hazards	Endangered Species	Boundary Issues
Centerville Access	None	Yes[1]	None	None known	None observed	Yes[2]	None
Lesterville Access	None	Yes[1]	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None

[1] Federal funds may be used in the management of this land. Fish and wildlife agencies may not allow recreational activities and related facilities that would interfere with the purpose for which the State is managing the land. Other uses may be acceptable and must be assessed in each specific situation.

[2] Endangered species are not known from this site, but are found in the surrounding area. Area Managers should consult annually with the Natural History Biologist.

MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

V. <u>Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations</u>

Management centers on providing bank and boat access to the Black River and preventing activities from compromising stream bank integrity. Centerville Access and Lesterville Access provides nesting habitat for a Missouri Species of Conservation Concern.

Challenges and Opportunities:

1) Maintain adequate riparian corridors.
2) Prevent soil erosion.

Management Objective 1: Maintain nesting habitat for Missouri Species of Conservation Concern at Lesterville Access and Centerville Access.

Strategy 1: Maintain mature bottomland forest conditions at Lesterville Access and Centerville Access (Forestry).

Strategy 2: Monitor population of Missouri Species of Conservation Concern (Forestry).

Management Objective 2: Prevent soil erosion due to infrastructure.

Strategy 1: Ensure roads and road-side drainages are managed to reduce runoff, sedimentation and erosion (Forestry).

VI. Aquatic Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

1) Prevent excessive stream bank erosion.

Management Objective 1: Ensure that infrastructure doesn't increase bank erosion.

Strategy 1: Boat ramps and slides will be installed and maintained to have a low profile on the bank to prevent back eddies and plunging currents (Design and Development).

VII. Public Use Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

1) Provide boat access along as much of the Black River as possible.
2) Inform the public of opportunities available at these areas.
3) Maintain areas in desirable condition.

Management Objective 1: Maintain suitable public access at each area.

Strategy 1: Evaluate locations for a new access road at Lesterville Access and determine construction and maintenance costs. (Forestry, Fisheries, Design and Development)

Strategy 2: Maintain access roads in a usable condition. (Design and Development)

Management Objective 2: Continue to inform the public of recreational opportunities available at these areas.

Strategy 1: Maintain signage at the accesses in accordance with Missouri Department of Conservation (Department) policy (Forestry).

Strategy 2: Work with local media specialist to highlight underutilized resources (Forestry, Outreach and Education).

VIII. Administrative Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

1) Improve access to the main channel of the Black River at the Lesterville Access.
2) Ensure that boundary lines are easily identifiable.

Management Objective 1: Determine feasibility of purchasing land adjacent to the north boundary of Lesterville Access to provide direct access to the Black River.

Strategy 1: Contact neighboring landowners to determine purchasing opportunities. (Forestry)

Management Objective 2: Consider a new access road on Lesterville Access to provide access to the main channel of the Black River.

Strategy 1: Evaluate locations for a new access road and determine construction and maintenance costs. (Forestry, Fisheries, Design and Development)

Management Objective 3: Keep boundary lines in a condition that makes them easy to locate.

Strategy 1: Maintain signs and repaint the boundary lines every five years or sooner if the paint begins to fade. (Forestry)

Lands Proposed for Acquisition:

When available, adjacent land may be considered for acquisition from willing sellers. Tracts that improve area access, provide public use opportunities, contain unique natural communities and/or species of conservation concern, or meet other Department priorities, as identified in the annual Department land acquisition priorities, may be considered.

MANAGEMENT TIMETABLE

Strategies are considered ongoing unless listed in the following table:

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Administrative Considerations										
Objective 3										
Strategy 1		X					X			

APPENDICES

Public Input Summary:
The draft Reynolds County Accesses Management Plan was available for a public comment period November 1–30, 2015. The Missouri Department of Conservation received comments from one respondent (Appendix A). The Reynolds County Accesses Planning Team carefully reviewed and considered these ideas as they finalized this document. A brief summary of public input themes, including how they were incorporated or why they were not, can be found below. Rather than respond to each individual comment, comments are grouped into general themes and are addressed collectively.

<u>Department responses to themes and issues identified through Reynolds County Accesses public comment period</u>

Suggests improving road access to the river.
The Conservation Department is taking action to address the need for improved access to the Black River at Lesterville. The Department has identified a route for a new access road leading directly to the Black River. Environmental studies and cost estimates have been completed. The project has been submitted for funding during the upcoming fiscal year which starts July 1st, 2016.

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Appendix A. Reynolds County River Accesses Management Plan Public Comments

Appendix 1. Centerville Access Area Background

Centerville Access is located on the West Fork of the Black River. The area was purchased in 1991. It has historically been a popular recreational spot for the local population and continues to be popular. Centerville Access is the uppermost site recommended for purchase in the Department's Stream Area Acquisition Plan (1989). The upper section of the Black River has good water quality, but carries a heavy gravel load. Despite the heavy gravel load and shallow water problems, some fishing does take place on the area. At the time of purchase, there were 15 acres of open ground. In 1998, 10 acres were planted to trees and the remaining 5 acres were allowed to naturally reforest.

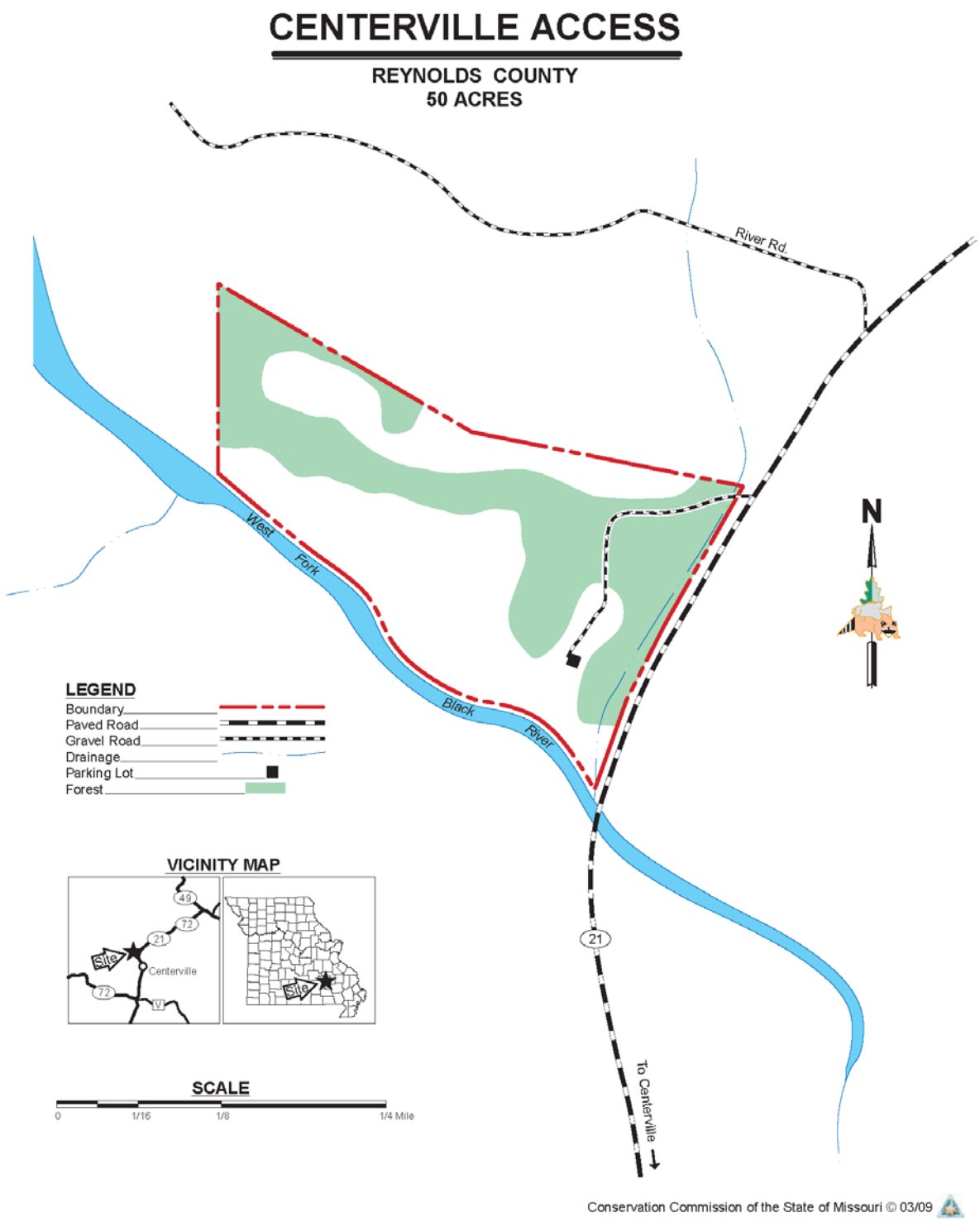
Legal Description: Township 32 North, Range 1 East, Section 20.

Area Location: Centerville Access is located just north of Centerville on the west side of Highway 21.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Forest	50		100
Stream Frontage		0.50	

Appendix 2. Map of Centerville Access



Appendix 3. Lesterville Access Area Background

Lesterville Access is located on the Black River and was purchased in 1991. An entrance road and parking lot were constructed shortly after the purchase. The area soon became a popular put–in/take-out spot for many river floaters. At the time of purchase, the area provided direct access to the left descending bank of the river. Over time, a high-flow channel developed along the right descending bank of the river which is not on Department property. In 2007, the main river channel switched into the high-flow channel, leaving the access area with no direct river access. The northwest section of the area has access to the main channel of the river, but there is limited public access to this area.

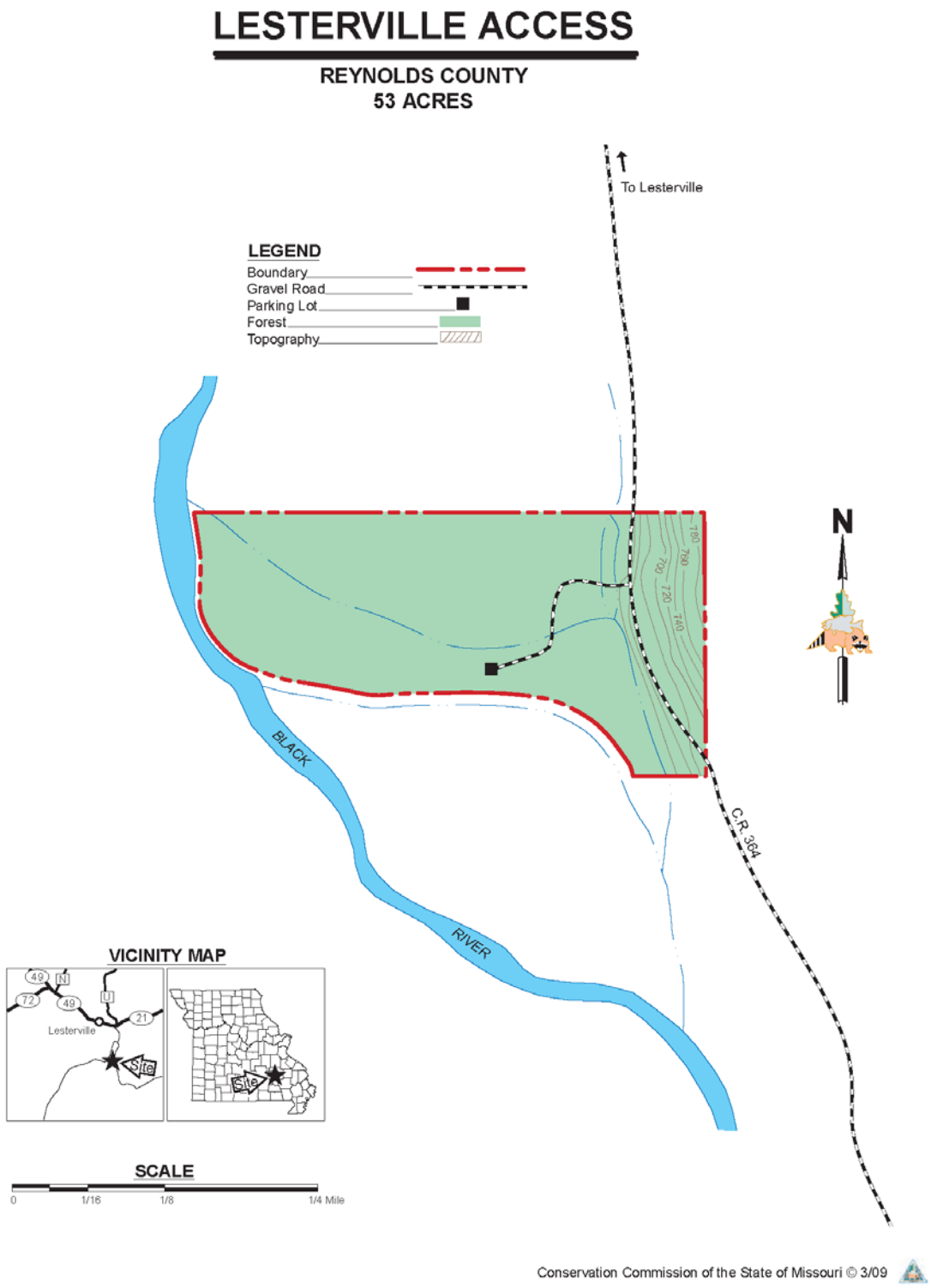
Legal Description: Township 32 North, Range 2 East, Sections 27, 28.

Area Location: Lesterville Access is located approximately 2 miles south of Lesterville on County Road 364.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Forest	53		100
Stream Frontage		0.56	

Apppendix 4. Map of Lesterville Access



Appendix A. Reynolds County Accesses Management Plan Public Comments

Received during public comment period (November 1-30, 2015):

The public needs a road to make accessing the river more convenient.