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### ***Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Louisiana Trustees Release***

#### **Draft Supplemental Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment *Elmer's Island Access Project Modification***

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana** - The *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group (Louisiana TIG) has released a Draft Supplemental Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment. In response to public comment on our December 2017 [Draft Recreational Use Plan](#), the [Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group](#) proposes modifications to the Elmer's Island Access Project.

[The Draft Supplemental Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Elmer's Island Access Project Modification](#) was prepared to propose changes to the project and assess environmental impacts from those changes.

The Louisiana TIG reports that while public comments on whole were favorable toward the Draft Recreational Use Plan, particular concerns were raised regarding the elevated lagoon boardwalk component of the Elmer's Island Access Project. As proposed, the boardwalk would have originated near Elmer's Island Road and crossed the lagoon, providing access to Caminada Beach. In response to input from the public, alternatives were considered to modify the project scope and design, as described in Section 2 of the Elmer's Island Access Project Modification. The preferred alternative would eliminate the proposed boardwalk and associated small boat launch and parking area, and provide a beach shuttle service on Caminada Beach.

At this time, Trustees are releasing the Draft Supplemental Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Elmer's Island Access Project Modification early and request public comment from May 21, 2018, through June 20, 2018. A Public Meeting on the Draft Plan is scheduled on May 22, 2018, at the Tulane River and Coastal Center; Open House at 5:30 p.m., Meeting at 6:00 p.m.; 1370 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130.

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