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# Offenders Assist in Rebuilding Storm-damaged Covered Bridge

Moscow, Indiana (September 27, 2010) – Offenders from the Pendleton Correctional Facility and the New Castle Correctional Facility have completed the final preparations for the rebuilt Moscow Bridge.

In June 2008, flooding and a tornado struck southern Rush County where a number of structures were destroyed or damaged, including the historical Moscow Covered Bridge. A few months later, Governor Mitch Daniels began working with the Moscow community and helped to organize the Moscow Covered Bridge Restoration Committee, dedicated to the bridge's reconstruction. That is when offender work crews from Pendleton Correctional Facility and New Castle Correctional Facility went to Moscow, IN to lend their hands in the clean up and restoration of the 122-year-old storm-damaged bridge.

The offenders worked alongside Indiana Department of Transportation officials to salvage the remaining components of the beloved bridge then began to assist with the reconstruction efforts. Their most recent task was to seal the wood planks on the exterior of the bridge, along with caulking the seams, and finish painting.

On September 25, 2010 Governor Mitch Daniels was on hand for the grand reopening of the bridge, following its completion.

"I am proud of our offenders' efforts to reach beyond prison walls and be of service to the community. Rebuilding this historical landmark means a great deal to the town of Moscow, and I am glad the Department of Correction could be a part of that," said IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss.

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The newly rebuilt Moscow Bridge

Offender workers complete the final preparations for the rebuilt Moscow Bridge.

An offender work crew assists salvaging the remaining parts of the bridge.

The Moscow Bridge after storm damage in July 2008