

Stream Mitigation

1 **WHEREAS** a stream mitigation initiative regarding low-water crossings in Missouri
2 streams has begun;

3 **AND WHEREAS** replacing these low-water crossings with larger span bridges supports a natural flow
4 in the stream;

5 **AND WHEREAS** benefits of such, are increasing the range of native endangered species such as the
6 Niangua darter and the Neosho madtom, potentially increasing these fragile populations;

7 **AND WHEREAS** low-water crossings function as low-head dams which degrade substrate, decrease
8 habitat of some aquatic species and disrupt the natural food chain;

9 **AND WHEREAS** newer span bridges create safer and ecologically sound transportation in rural areas;

10 **AND WHEREAS** span bridges may not be appropriate in some locations because they would allow the
11 spread of aquatic invasive species in some areas of Missouri;

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
13 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 supports transportation
14 agencies to implement span bridges as replacements for low water crossings in appropriate areas, as
15 determined by appropriate natural resource agencies.