

impacts on the human environment, which we included in the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment (Draft CCP/EA).

The CCP will guide us in managing and administering Watercress Darter NWR for the next 15 years. Alternative C, as we described in the final CCP, is the foundation for the CCP.

The compatibility determinations for wildlife observation and photography and environmental education and interpretation are also available in the final CCP.

Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Comments

We made copies of the Draft CCP/EA available for a 30-day public review period as announced in the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2010 (75 FR 19988). We received five comments on the Draft CCP/EA.

Selected Alternative

The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the refuge. After considering the comments we received and based on the professional judgment of the planning team, we selected Alternative C for implementation. Under Alternative C, we will optimize habitat management and visitor services throughout the refuge.

Threats to the refuge are becoming more prominent as development activities occur in the city of Bessemer, Alabama. Watercress Darter NWR is a small system that can be greatly

compromised by activities a distance away from its boundary. We fully recognize the impact these activities could have on the integrity of the refuge. In addition to our current management, we will extend beyond the immediate neighbors to address issues associated with the aquifer and spring recharge area, watershed, and biota exchange pathways. Extensive resource sharing and networking with other protected areas, state agencies, local governments, organizations, specialists, researchers, and private citizens will expand the knowledge base and assist in developing cooperation between interest groups. Restoration of natural systems, native communities, and healthy environments will be emphasized, promoting regionally a high-quality of life. Monitoring environmental parameters and flora and fauna will be incorporated into an integrated study to gain knowledge on the health of the refuge ecosystem. Education and outreach will be expanded, with an emphasis on cultural and historical resources. Staffing will be developed to meet the needs of partners and the greater number of interest groups and accommodate data and resource sharing. An increase in staff is presented in this alternative so that Watercress Darter NWR can be managed with a greater emphasis on landscape management. Additional staff members needed to fully implement this alternative at the highest quality level includes one position at Watercress Darter NWR and four positions shared between Cahaba River NWR and Watercress Darter NWR.

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Dated: September 14, 2010.

Mark J. Musaus,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of an existing information collection (1028–0056).

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2011.

DATES: Submit written comments by February 22, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Please submit a copy of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150–C Centre Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80526–8118 (mail); 970–226–9445 (phone); 970–226–9230 (fax); or pondsp@usgs.gov (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028–0070 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Zolly at 703–648–4277 or by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Informatics Office, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 302, Reston, VA 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Beginning in 1997, the U.S. Geological Survey has collected voluntary data regarding amphibian malformations. Sightings are reported via an electronic form (1028–0056). The form is sent to the USGS National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII) program, which manages the North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations (NARCAM). Each malformation occurrence submitted is carefully reviewed by trained professional herpetologists for quality and accuracy. Data associated with the validated reports, including species, malformation type, and geospatial information, are made accessible to the public via the NARCAM Web site. Information may be used by scientists and resource managers within Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as the general public, to identify areas where malformed amphibians have been reported, and the rates of occurrence. The NARCAM dataset is the only publicly available, national dataset on amphibian malformations.

We will be requesting OMB approval for an extension of the current form used for the NARCAM data collection efforts.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028–0056.

Title: North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations (NARCAM) Data Collection Form.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: General public, individual households.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion, one-time.

Estimated Number Annual Respondents: 300.

Annual Burden Hours: 150 hours. We estimate the public reporting burden averages 30 minutes per response.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

III. Request for Comments

We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: December 2, 2010.

Kevin Gallagher,

Associate Director for Core Science Systems, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, January 7, 2011, at C & O Canal National Historical Park, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

DATES: Friday, January 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: C & O Canal National Historical Park 1850 Dual Highway Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, telephone: (301) 714-2201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission was established by Public Law 91-664 to meet and consult with the Secretary of the Interior on general policies and specific matters related to the administration and development of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. This is an open meeting and the Commission welcomes public comment. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The members of the Commission are as follows:

Mrs. Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld,
Chairperson
Mr. Charles J. Weir
Mr. Barry A. Passett
Mr. James G. McClellan II
Mr. John A. Ziegler
Mrs. Mary E. Woodward
Mrs. Donna Printz
Mrs. Ferial S. Bishop
Ms. Nancy C. Long
Mrs. Jo Reynolds
Dr. James H. Gilford
Dr. George E. Lewis, Jr.

Mr. Charles D. McElrath
Ms. Patricia Schooley
Mr. Jack Reeder
Ms. Merrily Pierce

Topics that will be presented during the meeting include:

1. Update on park operations.
2. Update on major construction development projects.
3. Update on partnership projects.

The meeting will be open to the public. Any member of the public may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements, may contact Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection six weeks after the meeting at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Headquarters, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

Dated: November 8, 2010.

Kevin D. Brandt,

Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, National Historical Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[2280-665]

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before November 27, 2010. Pursuant to sections 60.13 or 60.15 of 36 CFR part 60, written comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation. Comments may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., MS 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by January 6, 2011.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your