

Under this alternative, the levels of surveillance and enforcement with partners would be increased, and we would also provide additional equipment to improve enforcement capabilities on the refuge.

We would increase off-site environmental education and outreach to mainland communities and schools, and we would increase the availability of interpretive materials, such as brochures and fact sheets. Subject to safety concerns being met, we would increase on-site interpretation through signage and brochures and provide limited opportunities for refuge-guided wildlife observation and photography. We would continue to respond to special requests for non-wildlife-dependent uses that are appropriate and compatible.

We would continue to work with cooperating agencies and partners to increase safety on the refuge through the removal of unexploded ordnance. Safety would be ensured by only permitting controlled, refuge-guided activities in cleared areas. We would acquire an open-water boat capable of reaching the island to provide for extended visits.

This alternative would add a half-time public use or park ranger position and a half-time manager position to be shared with the Complex headquarters.

#### Next Step

After the comment period ends, we will analyze the comments and address them.

#### Public Availability of Comments

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#### Authority

This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*).

Dated: May 16, 2012.

**Mark J. Musaus,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Culebra National Wildlife Refuge, PR; Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment (Draft CCP/EA) for Culebra National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in the municipality of Culebra, Puerto Rico, for public review and comment. In this Draft CCP/EA, we describe the alternative we propose to use to manage this refuge for the 15 years following approval of the final CCP.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by August 10, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain a copy of the Draft CCP/EA by contacting Ms. Ana Román, via U.S. mail at P.O. Box 510, Boquerón, PR 00622. Alternatively, you may download the document from our Internet Site at <http://southeast.fws.gov/planning> under "Draft Documents." Comments on the Draft CCP/EA may be submitted to the above postal address or by email to [ana\\_roman@fws.gov](mailto:ana_roman@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Ana Román at 787/851-7258 (telephone).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Introduction

Culebra NWR is located within the municipality of Culebra, Puerto Rico, and consists of several units on the main island of Culebra and numerous small islands surrounding Culebra. With this notice, we continue the CCP process for Culebra NWR. We started the process through a notice in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2008 (73 FR 77827). For more about the refuge, please see that notice.

##### Background

###### *The CCP Process*

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.

#### Issues

During the development of the Draft CCP/EA, we identified issues that we felt were most significant to the refuge and the public. These issues included: (1) Managing invasive species; (2) protecting and managing sea turtle nesting beaches; (3) monitoring and managing seabird colonies; (4) cleaning of contamination and unexploded ordnance from prior military activities; (5) accessing and utilizing beaches; (6) developing plans for repair and re-utilization of the old Observation Post at Punta Flamenco; (7) developing hiking trails; (8) completing boundary verification; and (9) developing renewable energy projects.

#### CCP Alternatives, Including Our Proposed Alternative

We developed three alternatives for managing the refuge (Alternatives A, B, and C), with Alternative C as our proposed alternative. A full description of each alternative is in the Draft CCP/EA. We summarize each alternative below.

##### *Alternative A: Current Management (No Action)*

Under this alternative, we would continue with periodic efforts to survey and manage for seabird populations. In cooperation with partners, we would also continue surveys and protection of nesting hawksbill, green, and leatherback sea turtles and their nests/eggs. There would, however, be no active program for resident and migratory birds.

We would continue to protect habitat and conduct periodic surveys for the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rican boas and giant anoles. For listed plants, we would continue to protect and monitor existing populations of *Peperomia wheeleri* and *Leptocereus grantianus*. We would also protect land and

resources on offshore cays and conduct limited invasive species removal.

Culebra NWR would maintain its existing boundaries with no further acquisition. We would continue to work informally with the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) and other partners, and restore the law enforcement officer position to protect refuge resources.

The refuge would maintain its current schedule, under which it is open to the public during daylight hours only. Currently closed areas, such as the Observation Post, would remain closed to the public. Access to open areas by water taxis under special use permits would continue. We would continue to provide for opportunistic wildlife observation and photography. Existing signage and interpretive materials would be maintained. We would continue to operate the refuge without a visitor center or friends group. Cooperation with agencies, the municipality, education institutions, non-governmental organizations, and volunteers assisting with refuge management would continue.

#### *Alternative B: Wildlife Management Emphasis*

Under this alternative, we would conduct expanded seasonal surveys to determine seabird abundance, and provide for research on nesting success and nesting habitat quality. We would also manipulate vegetation to improve seabird nesting habitat, and implement control of invasive predators that prey on seabirds.

In cooperation with partners, we would also continue surveys and protection of sea turtles and their nests/eggs. To benefit resident and migratory birds, annual surveys would be developed and implemented at selected locations throughout the refuge. We would also implement habitat management strategies to benefit target species of birds and cooperate with Puerto Rico DNER to conduct regular surveys and manage habitat for listed animal species. This alternative provides for the establishment of additional populations of two species of listed plants—*Peperomia wheelerii* and *Leptocereus grantianus*.

Alternative B would provide for the restoration of hydrology to specified areas of degraded mangrove habitat, as well as restoration of dry forest through selective invasive species removal and planting of propagated trees. This alternative would intensify efforts at invasive species control and eradication, and pursue opportunities for habitat restoration on offshore cays.

Under this alternative, we would clearly delineate all refuge boundaries and pursue opportunities for boundary expansion with acquisitions from willing sellers. Partnerships with Puerto Rico DNER and others would be strengthened and formalized, and we would restore the law enforcement officer position to protect refuge resources.

The refuge would maintain its current schedule, under which it is open to the public during daylight hours only. The Observation Post and other currently closed areas would remain closed. Access to offshore cays would continue by water taxis under special use permits. Opportunistic wildlife observation and photography on open areas would continue. We would continue to operate the refuge without a visitor center.

In addition to the staff provided under Alternative A, we would add a full-time biologist position and one full-time and one half-time biological technician position. Under Alternative B, we would continue coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers to remove hazardous materials and unexploded ordnance from the refuge.

We would also facilitate the formation of a friends group with 5 years of approval of the comprehensive conservation plan, and increase cooperation with partners focused on wildlife management by establishing formal agreements where appropriate.

#### *Alternative C: Expansion of Wildlife and Habitat Management, With Increased Public Use Opportunities (Proposed Alternative)*

This alternative expands both wildlife and habitat management and public use activities.

To recover special status plants and animal species, Alternative C is virtually identical to Alternative B. It provides for expanded seasonal surveys to determine seabird abundance, research on nesting success, nesting habitat quality, manipulation of vegetation to improve nesting habitat, and control of invasive predators.

We would also continue surveys and protection of sea turtles and develop and implement annual surveys for resident and migratory birds, and establish additional populations of two species of listed plants—*Peperomia wheelerii* and *Leptocereus grantianus*.

This alternative also calls for restoring hydrology to areas of degraded mangrove habitat, and restoring dry forest through selective invasive species removal and planting of propagated trees. We would also intensify efforts at invasive species control and eradication

and pursue habitat restoration on offshore cays.

Within 5 years of approval of the comprehensive conservation plan, we would clearly delineate all refuge boundaries, pursue opportunities for boundary expansion with acquisitions from willing sellers, and work to resolve boundary issues. We would also complete and begin to implement a cultural resources management plan for the refuge.

The refuge would maintain its current schedule, under which it is open to the public during daylight hours only. Working with the Army Corps of Engineers to determine safety of areas cleared of unexploded ordnance, we would evaluate the potential for opening additional areas to the public, considering both safety and biological factors. We would continue to permit water taxis under special use permit for access to cays. We would also develop partnerships to restore and reopen the Observation Post for environmental research and/or education purposes.

We would continue to provide for opportunistic wildlife observation and photography opportunities. We would develop additional public use facilities, such as trails, towers, boardwalks, and blind, to increase opportunities for wildlife observation and photography. We would also develop environmental education and interpretation programs and materials (e.g., curriculum, teacher training) to be used both on and off the refuge.

In addition to current staff, we would add one public use specialist position, one biologist position, one and one-half biological technician positions, and one maintenance worker position.

This alternative provides for the maintenance of all current equipment and facilities, including two boats and the office and residence buildings. It also provides for the development and maintenance of additional trails, towers, boardwalks, blinds, and the construction of a new headquarters/visitor contact station.

We would also facilitate the formation of a friends group, increase cooperation with partners in habitat and wildlife management and public use, and establish formal agreements.

Contingent upon adding a public use specialist, within 5 years of CCP approval, we would develop and begin to implement a communications plan.

#### **Next Step**

After the comment period ends, we will analyze the comments and address them.

**Public Availability of Comments**

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**Authority**

This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*).

Dated: June 11, 2012.

**Mark J. Musaus,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Direct Sale of Public Land in Harney County, OR**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to sell a 5-acre parcel of public land in Harney County, Oregon, by direct sale procedures to Allan and Ethel Bossuot for the approved appraised fair market value of \$13,200.

**DATES:** The BLM must receive comments regarding the proposed sale on or before August 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning this proposed sale may be submitted to Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager, BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tara McLain, Realty Specialist, at 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738 or phone 541-573-4462. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the

above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended (43 U.S.C. 1713), and regulations at 43 CFR subpart 2710 (43 CFR 2710), this conveyance would be made by direct sale procedures to Allan and Ethel Bossuot to resolve an inadvertent occupancy trespass that has been in existence since 1902 for the land described as follows:

**Willamette Meridian**

T. 20 S., R. 29 E.,  
Sec. 34, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Containing 5 acres, more or less, in Harney County.

A Notice of Intent was published July 21, 2011, to amend the BLM Three Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Land Tenure. The 1992 BLM Three Rivers RMP did not identify this parcel of public land as suitable for disposal. However, due to the topography and land ownership patterns surrounding the parcel, it is difficult and uneconomic to manage as public land. The rim rock that exists above the parcel essentially cuts it off from access for management by the BLM. The Decision Record amending the BLM Three Rivers RMP for Land Tenure was signed by the State Director on November 28, 2011. There were no protests filed to the Decision Record; therefore, the Decision became final on December 28, 2011.

The BLM is proposing a direct sale of the 5-acre parcel which is the smallest legal subdivision that would wholly encompass the improvements that have been in existence on the parcel since 1902. A direct sale is appropriate because the current lessees have used/occupied buildings located on this parcel. The public interest would be best served by disposing of this parcel to the user/occupant by direct sale. The Federal government would retain the rights to the minerals. Any patent issued would be subject to all valid existing rights of record and contain the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

a. A reservation of a right-of-way to the United States for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945);

b. The sale would be subject to the requirements of Section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9620(h); and,

c. A reservation to the United States for all minerals including, oil and gas and geothermal minerals.

Detailed information concerning the proposed land sale including the appraisal, planning and environmental documents, and mineral report are available for review at the BLM Burns District Office at the location identified in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Normal business hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Public comments regarding the proposed sale may be submitted in writing to the BLM Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager (see **ADDRESSES** section) on or before August 27, 2012. Comments received by telephone or in electronic form, such as email or facsimile, will not be considered. Any adverse comments regarding the proposed sale will be reviewed by the BLM Oregon/Washington State Director or other authorized official of the Department of the Interior, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action in whole or in part. In the absence of timely filed objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior not less than 60 days from July 11, 2012.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

**Authorities:** 43 CFR 2710.3-1, 2711.1-2.

**Fred O'Ferrall,**

*Chief, Branch of Land, Mineral and Energy Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service**

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**Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: Gregg County Historical Museum, Longview, TX**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Gregg County Historical Museum, in consultation with the