

26 to July 28, 2008. The comments were thoroughly evaluated, and changes were incorporated into the CCP, where warranted. Some of the changes include adding the impacts of climate change to the list of priority issues facing the refuge and updating the land cover maps with regard to the location of key non-native plant species.

Selected Alternative

After considering the comments received, we have selected Alternative B for implementation. Under this alternative, refuge management will focus on improving conditions for sea turtles and other threatened and endangered species, maintaining and restoring habitat, and improving biodiversity on the refuge, while focusing public use activities on partner properties within the larger Archie Carr NWR partnership.

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Dated: September 19, 2008.

Cynthia K. Dohner,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-R-2008-N0249; 40136-1265-0000-S3]

Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge, Currituck County, NC

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability: final comprehensive conservation plan and finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of our final comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).

ADDRESSES: A copy of the CCP may be obtained by writing to: Mike Hoff, Refuge Manager, Mackay Island NWR, P.O. Box 39, Knotts Island, NC 27950. The CCP may also be accessed and downloaded from the Service's Web site: <http://southeast.fws.gov/planning>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Hoff; Telephone: 252/429-3100; Fax: 252/429-3185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we finalize the CCP process for Mackay Island NWR. We started this process through a notice in the **Federal Register** on November 3, 2000 (65 FR 66256). Mackay Island NWR, in northeastern North Carolina, consists of 8,219 acres, of which 4,251 acres are brackish marsh, 1,515 acres are coastal fringe evergreen forest, 995 acres are managed wetlands (impoundments), and 298 acres are cropland. These habitats support a variety of wildlife species, including waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, marsh birds, neotropical migratory songbirds, and deer.

We announce our decision and the availability of the final CCP and FONSI for Mackay Island NWR in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [40 CFR 1506.6(b)] requirements. We completed a thorough analysis of impacts on the human environment, which we included in the Draft CCP/EA. The CCP will guide us in managing and administering Mackay Island NWR for the next 15 years. Alternative 2 is the foundation for the CCP.

The compatibility determinations for recreational hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education and interpretation, trapping of selected furbearers for nuisance animal management, forest management, and refuge resource research studies are also available in the CCP.

Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Improvement Act), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, 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 Improvement Act.

Comments

Approximately 100 copies of the Draft CCP/EA were made available for a 30-day review period as announced in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2006 (71 FR 2560). Twenty-one comments on the Draft CCP/EA were received. The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the refuge over a 15-year period.

Selected Alternative

After considering the comments we received and based on the professional judgment of the planning team, we selected Alternative 2 for implementation. The refuge will develop a habitat management plan and manage all habitats on the refuge. It will survey a wide range of wildlife. The refuge will continue to allow the priority public uses (e.g., hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation) and will have the capacity to increase the number of opportunities for public use.

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Dated: September 29, 2008.

Cynthia K. Dohner,
Acting Regional Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Multistate Conservation Grant Program; Priority List for Conservation Projects

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of priority list.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), announce the FY 2009 priority list of wildlife and sport fish conservation projects from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA). As required by the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, AFWA submits a list of projects to us each year to consider for funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant program. We then review and award grants from this list.

ADDRESSES: John C. Stremple, Multistate Conservation Grants Program Coordinator, Division of Federal

Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-4020, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John C. Stremple, (703) 358-2156 (phone) or John_Stremple@fws.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (Improvement Act, Pub. L. 106-408) amended the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 *et seq.*) and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 *et seq.*) and established the Multistate Conservation Grant Program. The Improvement Act authorizes us to award grants of up to \$3 million annually from funds available under each of the Restoration Acts, for a total of up to \$6 million annually. We may award grants from a list of priority projects recommended to us by AFWA. The FWS Director, exercising the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, need not fund all projects on the list, but all projects funded must be on the list.

Grantees under this program may use funds for sport fisheries and wildlife management and research projects, boating access development, hunter safety and education, aquatic education, fish and wildlife habitat improvements, and other purposes consistent with the enabling legislation.

To be eligible for funding, a project must benefit fish and/or wildlife conservation in at least 26 States, or in a majority of the States in any one FWS Region, or it must benefit a regional association of State fish and wildlife agencies. We may award grants to a State, a group of States, or one or more nongovernmental organizations. For the purpose of carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, we may award grants to the FWS, if requested by AFWA, or to a State or a group of States. Also, AFWA requires all project proposals to address its National Conservation Needs, which are announced annually by AFWA at the same time as its request for proposals. Further, applicants must provide certification that no activities conducted under a Multistate Conservation grant will promote or encourage opposition to

regulated hunting or trapping of wildlife or to regulated angling or taking of fish.

Eligible project proposals are reviewed and ranked by AFWA Committees and interested nongovernmental organizations that represent conservation organizations, sportsmen's organizations, and industries that support or promote fishing, hunting, trapping, recreational shooting, bowhunting, or archery. AFWA's Committee on National Grants recommends a final list of priority projects to the directors of State fish and wildlife agencies for their approval by majority vote. By statute, AFWA then must transmit the final approved list to the FWS for funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant program by October 1.

This year, we received a list of fourteen recommended projects. We recommend them for funding in 2009, contingent on the Multistate Conservation Grant Program receiving additional funds as specified in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-59) passed in August 2005. AFWA's recommended list follows.

MSCGP 2009 CYCLE RECOMMENDED PROJECTS

ID	Title	Submitter	WR request	SFR request	Total 2009 grant request
09001 ...	Multistate Conservation Grant Program (MSCGP) Coordination ..	AFWA	\$190,560.00	\$190,560.00	\$381,120.00
09003 ...	Community Archery Programs as Recruitment and Retention Tools.	ATA	114,000.00	0.00	114,000.00
09004 ...	Coordination of the Industry, Federal, and State Agency Coalition.	AFWA	94,800.00	94,800.00	189,600.00
09005 ...	Return on Investment: An Analysis of Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration Programs.	AFWA	192,397.20	94,762.80	287,160.00
09006 ...	Research Component for the 2011 National Survey	USFWS	1,029,522.00	1,029,522.00	2,059,044.00
09007 ...	Coordination Component for 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (FHVAR).	USFWS	170,378.00	170,378.00	340,756.00
09008 ...	Trailblazer Adventure Program: Involving Youth and Families in Conservation.	USSAF	160,000.00	160,000.00	320,000.00
09009 ...	Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) Implementation	WAFWA ...	0.00	360,000.00	360,000.00
09012 ...	National CP33 Monitoring Program Phase II: Evaluating Mid-Contract Management to Increase Wildlife Benefits.	MSU	779,730.00	0.00	779,730.00
09013 ...	Improving Conservation Education and Connecting Families to Nature Through Programs Targeting the Wildlife Values of the Public.	WAFWA ...	143,073.50	143,073.50	286,147.00
09015 ...	Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture—Fish Habitat Partnership: Sustainable Infrastructure Development and Support.	VA Tech ...	0.00	170,000.00	170,000.00
09016 ...	Effectiveness of Hunting, Fishing, and Shooting Recruitment and Retention Programs.	NWTF	160,993.61	160,993.61	321,987.21
09017 ...	Implementation of the Southeast Aquatic Habitat Plan and the National Fish Habitat Action Plan in the southeastern U.S.	SARP	0.00	468,000.00	468,000.00
09018 ...	Coordination, implementation and maximization of the Association's Conservation Education Strategy.	AFWA	297,000.00	297,000.00	594,000.00
			3,332,454.31	3,339,089.91	6,671,544.21

Dated: October 28, 2008.

Kenneth Stansell,

Assistant Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AA-6696-E; AK-964-1410-HY-P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to St. George Tanaq Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Unalaska Island, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 77 S., R. 122 W.,

Secs. 2, 4, and 11.

Containing 83.50 acres.

T. 78 S., R. 124 W.,

Sec. 5, 6, 7, and 10.

Containing 3.85 acres.

Aggregating 87.35 acres.

A portion of the subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to The Aleut Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to St. George Tanaq Corporation. The remaining lands lie within the Aleutian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, now known as the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, established by Executive Order No. 1733 on March 3, 1913. The subsurface estate in the refuge lands will be reserved to the United States at the time of conveyance. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Anchorage Daily News.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until January 8, 2009 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from:

Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

Hillary Woods,

Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW174821]

Wyoming: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement from Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation for competitive oil and gas lease WYW174821 for land in Lincoln County, Wyoming. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Pamela J. Lewis, Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775-6176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year, and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW174821 effective October 1, 2008, under the original terms and

conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Agency Information Collection; Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of currently approved collection (OMB No. 1006-0014).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intentions of the Bureau of Reclamation to seek extension of the information collection for the Lower Colorado River Well Inventory. The current OMB approval expires on March 31, 2009.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by *February 9, 2009*.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the information collection form and to submit comments on this information collection contact: Ruth Thayer (BCOO-4200), PO Box 61470, Boulder City, NV 89006. Comments may also be submitted by email to rthayer@lc.usbr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Thayer, Group Manager, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 702-293-8426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Lower Colorado River Well Inventory.

OMB No.: OMB No. 1006-0014.

Abstract: Pursuant to the Boulder Canyon Project Act (Pub. L. 70-642, 45 Stat. 1057), all diversions of mainstream Colorado River water must be in accordance with a Colorado River water entitlement. The Consolidated Decree of the United States Supreme Court in *Arizona v. California*, 547 U.S. 150 (2006) requires the Secretary of the Interior to account for all diversions of mainstream Colorado River water along the lower Colorado River, including water drawn from the mainstream by underground pumping. To meet the water entitlement and accounting obligations, an inventory of wells and river pumps is required along the lower