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Anissa Craghead,

Information Collection Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published a draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Complex). This Plan describes how the Service intends to manage the Refuge Complex for the next 15 years.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 30, 2003. All comments should be addressed to Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Attention: CCP Comment, 1704 North 24th Street, Quincy, Illinois 62301, or direct e-mail to r3planning@fws.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Service's regional Web site at <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning>.

ADDRESSES: A draft Plan or summary may be obtained by writing to the Service or submitting a request electronically. These documents will also be made available in portable document format (pdf) on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Web site at <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning>. Address requests to: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Branch of Ascertainment and Planning, Attn: CCP Comment, BHW Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling,

MN, 55111; or direct e-mail to r3planning@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on the draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment, contact Dick Steinbach, Complex Manager, at the address above or call the Refuge at 217/224-8580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1997, Congress mandated that the Service prepare a comprehensive conservation plan for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Comprehensive conservation plans guide management decisions over the course of 15 years. The Mark Twain NWR Complex includes Port Louisa NWR, Great River NWR, Clarence Cannon NWR, Two Rivers NWR, and Middle Mississippi River NWR, which are all located along the Upper Mississippi River. The Draft Plan identifies goals and objectives for habitat management, land protection and wildlife-dependent recreation, as well as strategies for achieving those goals and objectives.

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William F. Hartwig,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Act: Request for Small Grants Proposals for Year 2004

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council), are currently entertaining proposals that request match funding for wetland and wetland-associated upland conservation projects under the Small Grants program. Projects must meet the purposes of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989, as amended. We will give funding priority to projects from new grant applicants with new partners, where the project ensures long-term conservation benefits. However, previous Act grantees are eligible to receive funding and can compete successfully on the basis of strong project resource values.

DATES: Proposals must be postmarked no later than Friday, November 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address proposals to: Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop 4075, Arlington, Virginia 22203, Attn: Small Grants Coordinator.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Keith A. Morehouse, Small Grants Coordinator, or Office Secretary, Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, 703.358.1784; facsimile 703.358.2282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the 1989 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 4401 *et seq.*) is, through partnerships, to promote long-term conservation of North American wetland ecosystems and the waterfowl and other migratory birds, fish and wildlife that depend upon such habitats. Principal conservation actions supported by NAWCA are acquisition, enhancement and restoration of wetlands and wetlands-associated upland habitat.

Initiated in 1996, the underlying objective of the NAWCA-based Small Grants program is to promote long-term wetlands conservation activities through encouraging participation by new grantees and partners who may not otherwise be able to compete in the Standard Grants program. We also hope that successful participants in the Small Grants program later will be encouraged to participate as a grantee or partner in the Standard Grants program. Over the first seven years of the Small Grants program, about 630 proposals requesting a total of approximately \$24.1 million competed for funding. Ultimately, 206 projects were funded over this period for about \$8.7 million. For 2004, with the approval of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, we have made the Small Grants program operational at approximately \$2.0 million. That is, up to \$2.0 million in Small Grants wetland projects may be funded. However, ultimately, the level of Small Grant funding depends upon the quality of the pool of grant proposals.

To be considered for funding in the 2004 cycle, proposals must have a grant request no greater than \$50,000. We will accept all wetland conservation proposals that meet the requirements of the Act. However, considering appropriate proposal resource values, we will give funding priority to projects from new grant applicants (individuals or organizations who have never received a NAWCA grant) with new partners, where the project ensures