

period in a notice of availability (77 FR 64538; October 22, 2012).

The refuge encompasses approximately 2,217 acres in Oregon's northern Willamette Valley, with herbaceous and scrub-shrub wetlands, and wet prairie, oak savanna, woodland, mixed deciduous forest, riparian forest, riverine, and stream habitats.

We announce our decision and the availability of the FONSI for the final CCP in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1506.6(b)) requirements. We completed a thorough analysis of impacts on the human environment in the draft CCP/EA.

### Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Refuge 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 (NWRS), 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 and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Refuge Administration Act.

### Comments

We identified three alternatives for refuge management in the draft CCP/EA, including Alternative 1, our no action alternative. We solicited public comments on the draft CCP/EA, and included a summary of the comments we received and our responses in the final CCP.

### Selected Alternative

The final CCP includes detailed information about the refuge, our planning process, the issues we addressed, and Alternative 2, the management alternative we selected for implementation on the refuge. Under Alternative 2 we will balance our management of the refuge's competing management needs and issues. Brief

descriptions of key management actions described in Alternative 2 follow:

- We will combine the existing fragmented habitats into larger contiguous blocks of native habitat types, and restore relic or disappearing habitats.
- Using hydrological modeling, and historic vegetation and soil information, we will restore and increase riparian forest acreage and mixed forest acreage over the next 15 years.
- Restored forest habitats will advance our efforts to increase riparian corridor connectivity, and provide habitat for neotropical songbirds and other species.
- Restored relic oak habitat acreage will increase to provide habitat for imperiled oak-dependent wildlife.
- The acreage of managed wetland ponds will decrease to restore more natural wet prairie habitats to historic vegetation.
- Scrub-shrub wetland acreage will increase.
- Stream habitat will be restored to facilitate fish passage, and benefit other aquatic species and migratory and resident wildlife.
- The refuge will expand public use opportunities including hunting and fishing.
- On the Sherwood Unit, existing trails will remain the same, with an additional Environmental Education Off-Trail Study Area and a Nature Explore Area.
- Additional photography blinds will be constructed to maximize the photography experience and minimize wildlife disturbances.
- A youth waterfowl hunting program will be developed.
- A hunt management plan will be developed in close coordination with the State, to determine the season, blind locations, and other details.
- We will monitor and adjust the hunt program as needed to provide quality waterfowl hunting and healthy habitat.
- We will develop a fishing program with an educational component on the River Overlook.

The CCP will guide us in managing and administering the refuge for the next 15 years. Alternative 2, as we described in the draft CCP, is the foundation for the final CCP. The draft and final CCP and related documents may be found on our Web site (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: May 16, 2013.

**Robyn Thorson,**

*Regional Director, Pacific Region, Portland, Oregon.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### New Deadlines for Public Comment on Draft Environmental Documents

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We announce new deadlines for the public to submit input on several draft documents prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. We are taking this action in regard to draft documents and scoping periods that were open for comment during the recent lapse in Federal appropriations. To ensure that we receive the best possible input to guide our decisionmaking, we want to provide the public adequate time to review and comment on the draft documents.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the new comment period end dates.

**ADDRESSES:** See each original **Federal Register** notice for information on where to submit comments. The **Federal Register** citations and links to the notices are in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** See the contact information in the original **Federal Register** notices. The **Federal Register** citations and links to the notices are in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), published notices in the **Federal Register** in August, September, and October that announced the availability of various documents for public review. These documents included a draft environmental impact statement (EIS)/environmental impact report and draft environmental assessments (EA) prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and related documents, such as draft comprehensive conservation plans (CCP). The **Federal Register** notices directed interested parties to contact Service personnel and Web sites for information about these draft documents. As a result of the recent lapse in Federal appropriations, these personnel and Web sites were unavailable for 16 days.

To ensure compliance with our responsibilities under NEPA and to provide the public increased access to Service sources of information, we are allowing additional time for public

input on these draft documents. We are also extending the comment periods for scoping for an upcoming CCP and EIS for one national wildlife refuge and an

upcoming CCP and EA for another refuge and for either an EIS or EA for a proposed habitat conservation plan. The following table provides relevant

information that will help the public get access to the draft documents and submit comments:

Title of <b>Federal Register</b> notice	<b>Federal Register</b> citation	New comment period end date	Web link
Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, Commerce City, CO; Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement; Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge, Arvada, CO; Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment.	78 FR 48183; August 7, 2013.	November 15, 2013	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-07/pdf/2013-19052.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-07/pdf/2013-19052.pdf</a> .
South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Phase 2 (Ponds R3, R4, R5, S5, A1, A2W, A8, A8S, A19, A20, and A21) at the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report.	78 FR 56921; September 16, 2013.	December 2, 2013	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-16/pdf/2013-22438.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-16/pdf/2013-22438.pdf</a> .
Habitat Conservation Plan for the Community of Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County, CA; Notice of Intent.	78 FR 57651; September 19, 2013.	November 20, 2013	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-19/pdf/2013-22778.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-19/pdf/2013-22778.pdf</a> .
Notice of Availability of the Draft Southeast Missouri Ozarks Regional Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment.	78 FR 57875; September 20, 2013.	December 4, 2013	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/pdf/2013-22953.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/pdf/2013-22953.pdf</a> .
DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges; Washington County, Nebraska, and Harrison and Pottawattamie Counties, Iowa; Draft Environmental Assessment and Comprehensive Conservation Plan.	78 FR 57876; September 20, 2013.	November 8, 2013	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/pdf/2013-22956.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/pdf/2013-22956.pdf</a> .
Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Lincoln County, WY; Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment.	78 FR 58340; September 23, 2013.	November 4, 2013	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-23/pdf/2013-23107.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-23/pdf/2013-23107.pdf</a> .
Golden Eagles; Programmatic Take Permit Application; Draft Environmental Assessment; Shiloh IV Wind Project, Solano County, California.	78 FR 59710; September 27, 2013.	November 29, 2013	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-27/pdf/2013-23732.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-27/pdf/2013-23732.pdf</a> .
Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, Authorized Within the Twenty Counties That Lie Along the Missouri River From Kansas City to St. Louis, MO; Draft Environmental Assessment and Comprehensive Conservation Plan.	78 FR 60306; October 1, 2013.	November 20, 2013	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-10-01/pdf/2013-23733.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-10-01/pdf/2013-23733.pdf</a> .

For information about these draft documents and related issues, contact the person listed in the relevant notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Authority:** We issue this notice under the authority of the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Dated: October 25, 2013.

**Tina A. Campbell,**  
Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Endangered and Threatened Species; Permits Issued

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits.

**DATES:** The permit issuance dates are under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (Act). With some exceptions, the Act prohibits activities with listed species unless a

Federal permit is issued that allows such activity.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Daniel Marquez, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825; 760-431-9440 (telephone); or [daniel\\_marquez@fws.gov](mailto:daniel_marquez@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We have issued the following permits in response to recovery permit applications we received under the authority of section 10 of the Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act. Each permit listed below was issued only after we determined that it was applied for in good faith; that granting the permit would not be to the disadvantage of the listed species; and that the terms and conditions of the permit were consistent with purposes and policy set forth in the Act.

Applicant name	Permit No.	Date issued	Expiration date
BIO-WEST, INCORPORATED .....	809232	1/24/13	3/31/15
KUS, BARBARA E. ....	829554	3/29/13	5/30/15
AECOM .....	820658	2/22/13	6/20/15
MANTECH SRS TECHNOLOGIES INC. ....	097845	3/22/13	3/7/16
POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY .....	807078	3/8/13	3/7/16
FOURNIER, JOELLE J .....	213726	3/22/13	3/21/16