

**Facility:** Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge

**Title:** Environmental Assessment for the proposed Hunting Plan

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that

*Implementation of a hunting plan on the Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge*

is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

1. There are no anticipated adverse effects on endangered, threatened or candidate species that occur on or near the refuge. See p. 9 Section 3.4 of EA and attached Intra-Service Section 7 Biological Evaluation form.
2. No known historic properties will be effected. See p.9 Section 3.5 of EA.
3. All aspects of the proposed hunt are compatible with the purpose for establishing the refuge. See attached Compatibility Determination.
4. Requirements of the 1997 National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act have been met. See p. 2 Section 1.3
5. Aligns with the Environmental Assessment and Interim Comprehensive Conservation Plan completed for the establishment of the Refuge. See p. 3 Section 1.5 of EA
6. Public comments generally accept hunting as a recognized use. See p. 16, Section 7 of EA.
7. Cumulative effects of hunting individual species are consistent with local, state and/or flyway recommendations. See Sections 4.3 – 4.9, Direct and Indirect Impacts, of the Revised Environmental Assessment.

Supporting References:

1. Environmental Assessment
2. Intra-Service Section 7 Biological Evaluation Form
3. Compatibility Determination
4. Revised Environmental Assessment

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Regional Director, FWS, Region 3

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