

Tuesday, December 4

Twenty-one people attended a public listening meeting in Linn, Missouri. The Refuge received four written comments at the meeting that expressed various priorities for Refuge management. The comments are paraphrased in the following paragraphs:

One individual described the Missouri River floodplain as great farmland and said it would be a “terrible waste” to convert any more of it into a national wildlife refuge.

Another person expressed concern about trespassing on non-Service lands near the Refuge. The individual asked about the status of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service boundary posting.

An individual urged the Refuge to restore wetlands and side channels when possible; to reconnect the Missouri River to the floodplain where possible; to allow big game hunting and upland hunting; to provide public access where feasible; to continue to expand the Refuge when land becomes available from willing sellers; and manage for mast producing hardwoods in the floodplain.

An individual expressed support for no additional expansion of the Refuge.