



**Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge
Comprehensive Conservation Planning (CCP) Process
Public Scoping Meeting
May 12, 2008
Piedmont Refuge Visitor Center
Round Oak, Georgia**

Piedmont Refuge was established in 1939 as a demonstration area for the integration of forestry and wildlife management. It was also identified for use as an inviolate sanctuary and breeding ground for birds and other wildlife. The refuge has intergrated forestry and fire management techniques to manage 35,000 acres of predominately upland pine-hardwood forest for native wildlife species including the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. The refuge is managed to provide public access to traditional, wildlife-dependent outdoor recreational activities.

Refuge DRAFT Vision Statement

“Piedmont NWR serves as a demonstration area of quality wildlife habitat through active forest management in the southern piedmont region. Management creates and maintains fire dependant open canopy oak-pine forest with areas of prairie and savannahs for red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman’s sparrow, brown headed nuthatch, bobwhite quail and associated wildlife species. Stretches of cane breaks along streams and bottomlands provide enhanced habitat for Swainson’s warbler, Kentucky warbler, and cane dependant butterfly species. Cooperative partnerships integrate refuge wildlife habitat management into a landscape vision of a healthy forest. Wildlife-dependant opportunities are provided to enhance the public’s awareness and appreciation of the areas natural resources for present and future generations.”

We welcome your comments and suggestions for the CCP in writing. You can use this form to write your comments on issues that should be addressed in the CCP and environmental assessment. Drop it off with us as you leave, or mail it. To be most useful, written comments should be sent by **June 12, 2008**. You may take extras for your friends and neighbors.

Please mail, fax, or email your comments to: Carolyn Johnson, Assistant Refuge Manager
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If you have any questions or comments concerning this meeting or the issues involved, please call Carolyn Johnson at 478-986-5441

Please provide your contact information below:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Important: Because the Comprehensive Conservation Plan/Environmental Assessment will be a public document, all of its associated records, including mailing lists and comments submitted by the public, may be subject to public review. We will only release names and addresses from our mailing list when we are required to do so by law (e.g. under the Freedom of Information-Act). If you wish to have your home address withheld in such a case, please indicate so below. We will not sell or otherwise distribute mailing lists for commercial purposes. If we do not hear from you by **June 12, 2008**, we will remove your name from the mailing list.

- Keep me on your mailing list**
- Keep me on your mailing list, but do not release my home address**
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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please Provide Comments on Reverse Side

What do you think are the most important refuge management issues facing Piedmont NWR?

How do you think the above issues should be addressed?

How would you like to see the habitats and wildlife be managed at Piedmont NWR?

Are the types of public use and visitation permitted and encouraged by the Refuge appropriate?

Please provide any other comments or suggestions for how you would like to see Piedmont NWR managed over the next 15 years.