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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Re-Opens Following Government Shutdown

Washington, D.C. – With the President’s signature of a continuing resolution that funds the government and ends the shutdown, employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“Service”) returned to work today and began the process of re-opening agency facilities following a sixteen day government shutdown.

“I am happy to welcome back the more than 7,500 furloughed Service professionals,” said Dan Ashe, the Service’s Director. “I know my hard-working, dedicated colleagues are eager to address their public service mission of conserving and protecting the nation’s fish and wildlife resources for all Americans.”

The Service anticipates operations will adapt in the coming weeks as the workforce promptly addresses adjustments required due to time lost on critical projects during the shutdown. The public is encouraged to visit <http://www.fws.gov> or contact their local refuge or other Service office to find out specific information about permitted, staff-managed, or other planned activities that were delayed or postponed due to the government-wide shutdown.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals, and commitment to public service.

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