

Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge

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MEDICINE LAKE NWR PLANNING PROJECT

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT!

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The Complex includes the Medicine Lake and Lamesteer Refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas and easements on the Northeast Montana Wetland Management District in Sheridan, Roosevelt, Daniels, and Wibaux Counties.

Why is Your Input Important?

This Plan will define how the Medicine Lake Complex will be managed for the next 15 years. The main difference between the CCP and other planning efforts is that the public, Refuge neighbors, cooperating agencies in the area, and other interested groups will be asked to contribute to the development of the Refuge's goals and objectives. If you have issues or suggestions, now is the time to get involved. Issues that are not brought out in the planning process will be difficult to deal with later. The goals for this planning effort are:

- Establish vision, goals, and objectives for the Refuge and District.
- Define management strategies to accomplish these goals.
- Provide a tool for evaluating success.
- Provide a funding strategy.
- Involve the public throughout this planning process.

SOME ISSUES TO THINK ABOUT

- ▼ Refuge public use (hunting, environmental education, bird watching, fishing, interpretation, etc.)
- ▼ Land acquisition on the Refuge and Wetland Management District.
- ▼ Predator control.
- ▼ Grassland management (such as burning and grazing).
- ▼ Noxious weed control
- ▼ Wilderness area use restrictions.
- ▼ Piping plover management.
- ▼ **MOST IMPORTANTLY WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS!**

**GET YOUR IDEAS HEARD!
ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE ON
OCTOBER 17, 1998 FROM 10:00 - 4:00
AT THE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS**

We will hold several local public meetings in the fall (times and locations to be announced at the open house) to invite discussions and comments. You may also phone in your issues or ask for this **Issues Worksheet** for written comments at **406/789-2305**. Remember, some wildlife issues do not fall under the scope of this Plan. These include changes to State hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations and seasons, and changes to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's CRP program.

