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WILDERNESS HEARINGS FOR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AREAS SCHEDULED IN SEVEN STATES

Public hearings on classifying parts of seven national wildlife refuges as wilderness areas will be held in separate locations in seven States in September-October, the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

Specific times, meeting locations, and the areas involved are:

- I. Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Montana, hearing Sept. 22, 9 a.m., Ramada Inn, 2900 Harrison Avenue, Butte, Mont.

A study summary containing a map and information about the Red Rock wilderness proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Monida Star Route, Lima, Montana 59739, or from the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by October 22, 1973.

- II. Rice Lake NWR and Mille Lacs NWR, Minnesota, hearing Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m., McGregor High School Auditorium, McGregor, Minn.

A study summary containing a map and information about the Rice Lake and Mille Lacs wilderness proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge, McGregor, Minnesota 55760, or from the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111.

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- III. Savannah NWR, Georgia/South Carolina, hearing Sept. 27, 9 a.m., U.S. Court House, Rm. 108, Bull and State Streets, Savannah, Ga., and to be continued Sept. 27, 7 p.m., Hardeeville Elementary School Auditorium, Hardeeville, S.C.

A study summary containing a map and information on the Savannah wilderness proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Savannah

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National Wildlife Refuge, Route 1, Hardeeville, South Carolina 29927, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 17 Executive Park Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

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- IV. National Elk Refuge, Wyoming, hearing Oct. 6, 9 a.m., Virginian Motel, U.S. Highway 187, one mile north of Jackson, Wyo.

A brochure containing a map and information about the Elk Refuge wilderness study may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, National Elk Refuge, Box C, Jackson, Wyoming 83001, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 10597 West Sixth Ave., Denver, Colorado 80215.

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- V. Horicon NWR, Wisconsin, hearing Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, Horicon, Wis.

A study summary containing a map and information on the Horicon wilderness proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, Route 2, Mayville, Wisconsin 53050, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111.

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- VI. Nunivak NWR, Alaska, hearing Oct. 17, 7 p.m., School House, Medoryuk Island, to be continued Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Loussac Library, Anchorage, Alaska.

A study summary containing a map and information on the Nunivak wilderness study may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range, Box 346, Bethel, Alaska 99559, or the Area Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 813 D Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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