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COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM EIS

The public comment period for the draft environmental impact statement on the operation of the National Wildlife Refuge System has been extended further from February 7 until March 27, 1976, Lynn A. Greenwalt, Director of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

Public hearings on the operation of the refuge system were announced in the Federal Register of January 30, 1976, volume 41, no. 21, and in a news release of the same date. They will take place in Washington, D.C., March 2; Twin Cities, Minnesota, March 4; Boston, Massachusetts, March 9; Anchorage, Alaska, March 11; Portland, Oregon, March 10; Atlanta, Georgia, March 10; Denver, Colorado, March 16; and Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 17, 1976. Numerous expressions of public interest and requests for extension of the review period have been received. In order to facilitate public analysis and comment on the EIS, the review period was extended through the public hearing period.

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