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INTERIOR TO HOST WETLAND RESTORATION SYMPOSIUM

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan today announced the Department will host a day-long symposium on wetland restoration on Federal lands Tuesday, July 16, at the Interior Department Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

"I am proud of what this Department has been able to accomplish in restoring the bounty and productivity of wetlands on our public lands," Lujan said. "This unique symposium will showcase what we have been able to do thus far, and also demonstrate what can be done to successfully restore wetlands in the future."

The symposium is to begin at 8:30 a.m. with a keynote address by Secretary Lujan entitled "Wetlands Stewardship." The remainder of the day's agenda will feature eight major panels: Diversity of Wetlands Restoration Projects; Wetlands Challenges in the '90's; Wetlands Restoration in a Multiple-Use Environment; Federal-State Relations; Values of Wetlands; State of the Art in Wetlands Restoration; the North American Waterfowl Management Program; and the Coastal America initiative. Each will involve recognized experts in their respective fields.

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"Interior has been at the forefront of Federal agencies in developing creative wetland restoration techniques," Lujan said. "Our lands serve as working laboratories helping to develop and refine methods that can and should be used elsewhere in this country. I am especially pleased that so many of the techniques we have come up with are economical, practical, and cost-effective."

Wetlands represent a variety of areas that are valuable in maintaining water quality and providing habitat for countless species of wildlife, especially migratory waterfowl, and providing recreation opportunities. The July 16 symposium is open to the public and should be of particular interest to individuals and organizations involved in agriculture, construction, and development, as well as conservation, education, and land management.

Joining Lujan for the symposium will be Interior Deputy Secretary Frank Bracken; Special Assistant for Wetlands June Whelan; Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Mike Hayden; Deputy Assistant Secretary Scott Sewell; and guests Teresa Gorman, White House Office of Policy Development; and Michael R. Deland, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.

Other participants include experts from the Interior Department's National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Surface Mining, Minerals Management Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Mines, and the North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office.

Registration information for the free symposium can be obtained from Tom Saily, Deputy Director, Office of External Affairs, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., NW., Washington, DC, 20240; 202-208-6318.

Note to Editors: A copy of the symposium agenda is attached.

WETLANDS RESTORATION ON FEDERAL LANDS

- 8:30 AM **WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP**
Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the Interior
Introductions: June M. Whelan, Special Assistant to the Secretary
- 9:00 **DIVERSITY OF WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS**
Moderator: John Turner, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Restoration of Salt Marsh at Cape Cod National Seashore
John Portnoy, National Park Service, Cape Cod National Seashore, MA
Bottomland Hardwood Complexes in the Southeast
Tim Wilkins, Fish and Wildlife Service, Yazoo, MS
Restoration in the Prairie Pothole Region
Dick McCabe, Bureau of Reclamation, Bismarck, ND
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Break**
- 10:15 - 10:45 **WETLANDS CHALLENGES IN THE '90s**
Teresa Gorman, Office of Policy Development, White House
- 10:45 - 12:00 **WETLANDS RESTORATION IN A MULTIPLE-USE ENVIRONMENT**
Moderator: Susan Lamson, Director of External Affairs,
Bureau of Land Management
Wetlands Restoration/Enhancement in an Arid Environment
Wayne Elmore, Bureau of Land Management, Prineville, OR
Fresh Water Wetlands
Bob Jackson, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Minneapolis, MN
Mined Land Reclamation
W. Hord Tipton, Office of Surface Mining, Washington, D.C.
OCS - Gulf of Mexico Wetlands Study
Dr. Robert M. Rogers, Minerals Management Service, New Orleans, LA
- 12:00 - 1:30 **Lunch (DOI Buffet Room)**
FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS Speaker: Honorable Mike Hayden,
Assistant Secretary - Fish, Wildlife & Parks
- 1:30 - 1:45 **VALUES OF WETLANDS**
Honorable Frank A. Bracken, Deputy Secretary of the Interior
- 1:45 - 3:00 **STATE OF THE ART IN WETLANDS RESTORATION**
Moderator: Scott Sewell, Dep. Asst. Secretary, Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Wetland Restoration on Agriculture Lands
Gene Whitaker, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C.
Louisiana Coastal Wetlands
Dr. Richard (Rick) P. Stumpf, U.S. Geological Survey, St. Petersburg, FL
Constructed Wetlands to Treat Acid Mine Drainage
Dr. Harry (Hank) Edenborn, Bureau of Mines Research Center, Pittsburgh, PA
Wetlands Restoration: Shipshoal Project
Carolita Kallaur, Minerals Management Service, Herndon, VA
- 3:00 - 3:15 **Break**
- 3:15 - 3:45 **NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**
Bob Streeter - North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office, Washington, DC
- 3:45 - 4:15 **COASTAL AMERICA**
Michael R. Deland, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality (Invited)
- 4:15 **CLOSING REMARKS - Future of DOI Initiatives, June M. Whelan R**
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