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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #1024–0022.

DATES: Public comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted on or before September 17, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Garry Oye, National Park Service, Department of the Interior 1201 Eye Street NW. (Room 1004), Washington DC 20005; fax: 202–371–6623 or by e-mail at *Garry_Oye@nps.*gov. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garry Oye, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Chief of Wilderness Stewardship Division by e-mail at *Garry_Oye@nps.gov* or by phone: 202–513–7090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Backcountry Use Permit (36 CFR 1.5, 1.6, and 2.10).

Form: Backcountry Use Permit, 10–404A.

OMB Control Number: 1024–0022.

Expiration Date: 11/30/2010.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Description of Need: In 1976, the NPS initiated a backcountry registration system in accordance with the regulations found at 36 CFR 1.5, 1.6 and 2.10. The objective of the use permit system is to provide users access to backcountry areas of national parks with continuing opportunities for solitude, while enhancing resource protection and providing a means of disseminating public safety messages regarding the backcountry travel.

NPS backcountry program managers, by designating access routes and overnight camping locations, can redistribute campers in response to user impact, high fire danger, flood or wind hazard, bear activity or other situations that may temporarily close a portion of the backcountry. The NPS may also use the permit system as a means of ensuring that each backcountry user receives up-to-date information on backcountry sanitation procedures, food storage, wildlife activity, trail conditions and weather projections so that concerns for visitor safety are met.

The Backcountry Use Permit is an extension of the NPS statutory authority responsibility to protect the park areas it administers and to manage the public use thereof (16 U.S.C. 1 and 3). NPS regulations codified in 36 CFR parts 1 through 7, 12 and 13 are designated to implement statutory mandates that provide for resource protection and pubic enjoyment. The Backcountry Use Permit is the primary form used to provide access into NPS backcountry areas including those areas that require a reservation to enter where use limits are imposed in accordance with other NPS regulations. Such permitting enhances the ability to the NPS to education users on potential hazards, search and rescue efforts, and resource protection.

Description of Respondents: Individuals wishing to use backcountry areas within national parks.

Estimated Average Number of Responses: 285,000 annually.

Frequency of Response: 1 per respondent.

Estimated Average Time Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden: 23,750 hours.

Comments are Invited on: (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: July 13, 2010.

Cartina Miller,

NPS, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R5–R–2010–N103; 50133–1265–GSMP–S3]

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Morris County, NJ

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment; announcement of public scoping and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is gathering the information needed to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and associated environmental assessment (EA) for Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). We publish this notice in compliance with our policy of advising other agencies and the public of our intentions to conduct detailed planning on refuges and obtain suggestions and information about the scope of issues to consider in the planning process.

DATES: We will hold two public scoping open house meetings on July 28, 2010, at the Chatham Township meeting hall. The open houses will be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a presentation by refuge staff at 1:30 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with a presentation at 6:30 p.m. The meetings will be announced through our Web site (*http://www.fws.gov/northeast/planning*) and a newsletter for our mailing list, and through personal contacts. See the Addresses section for information about where to submit your comments. To ensure our consideration of your written comments regarding the scope of the refuge management plan, you should submit them within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments or requests for more information on the planning process by any of the following methods:

Electronic mail: northeastplanning@fws.gov. Include "Great Swamp NWR" in the subject line of the message.

Facsimile: Attention: Bill Perry, at 413–253–8468.

U.S. Mail: Bill Perry, Refuge Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035.

In Person Drop-off: You may drop off comments during regular business hours at the above address.

For additional questions about the planning process, you may contact Bill Perry via the above methods or 413–253–8688 (telephone).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain more information on the refuge, contact William Koch, Refuge Manager, at Great Swamp NWR, 241 Pleasant Plains Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920; 973–425–1222 (telephone); or *fw5rw_gsnwr@fws.gov* (electronic mail); or go to *http://www.fws.gov/northeast/greatswamp/.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

This notice initiates the comprehensive conservation planning process for Great Swamp NWR, located in Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

Background

The CCP Process

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose of a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing to the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to providing broad management direction on conserving wildlife and habitat, the plans identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years.

We establish each refuge for specific purposes, and use those purposes to develop and prioritize its management goals, objectives, and public uses. The planning process is one way for us and for the public to evaluate those goals and objectives for the best possible conservation of important wildlife habitat, while providing opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation compatible with those purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

We request your input on all issues, concerns, ideas, improvements, and suggestions for the future management of Great Swamp NWR. In addition to this opportunity to participate in the scoping for the project, you may submit additional comments during the planning process by writing to the refuge planner (see **ADDRESSES** above).

We will conduct the environmental review of this project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations on NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and our policies and procedures for complying with them. All of the comments we receive on either our EAs or our environmental impact statements become part of the official public record. We will handle requests for those comments in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6(f)), and other policies and procedures of the Department of the Interior or the Service. When we receive such a request, we will provide comment letters with the names and addresses of the individuals who wrote them. However, to the extent permissible by law, we will not provide the telephone numbers of those individuals.

Great Swamp NWR

Great Swamp NWR currently includes 7,768 acres of marsh, swamp, grassland, shrubland, and forest habitats. The approved refuge acquisition boundary encompasses 9,090 acres in the Great Swamp Basin, located in Long Hill, Chatham, and Harding Townships, New Jersey. Great Swamp is situated within a 55-square-mile watershed comprised of portions of 10 municipalities in Morris and Somerset Counties. It is located in the headwaters of the Passaic River and is bordered on the west by the upper Passaic River. The Great Swamp receives drainage from 29.2 square miles of the watershed through the tributaries; Primrose, Great, Loantaka, and Black Brooks.

The 7,768-acre Great Swamp NWR was established in 1960, and includes 746 acres designated as a research natural area, and 3,660 acres federally designated as wilderness. In 1966, the refuge was designated as a registered National Natural Landmark. The refuge was established "* * * for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds" (Migratory Bird Conservation Act); for "* * * the conservation of the wetlands of the Nation in order to maintain the public benefits they provide and to help fulfill international obligations contained in various migratory bird treaties and conventions * * *" (Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986); and is "* * * suitable for; (1) Incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreational development; (2) the protection of natural resources; (3) the conservation of endangered species or threatened species * * *" (Refuge Recreation Act).

Great Swamp NWR acts as an island of wildlife habitat totally surrounded by suburban communities and encroaching urbanization. Great Swamp offers one of the last refuges for wildlife and wild habitats in northern New Jersey, and becomes increasingly important as surrounding natural areas are fragmented or developed. The refuge provides stopover habitat for waterfowl during spring and fall migrations, when peak numbers reach 10,000–15,000 birds, as well as foraging habitat for over 100 species of birds that breed on the refuge.

Maternity colonies of federally listed endangered Indiana bats are known to occur on the refuge. Reptile and amphibian species of conservation concern at Great Swamp NWR include the federally listed threatened bog turtle, State endangered blue-spotted salamander, State threatened wood turtle, spotted turtle, eastern box turtle, and Fowler's toad. Many State threatened and endangered bird species nest on the refuge, including the American bittern, bobolink, Cooper's hawk, Red-shouldered hawk, Barred owl, and Red-headed woodpecker. In total, over 600 plant, 224 bird, 38 mammal, 23 reptile, 38 fish, and 19 amphibian species have been identified and confirmed on the refuge.

The predominant public uses are wildlife observation and photography. There are 8.5 miles of walking trails and 1.5 miles of boardwalks, three observation blinds, and an auto tour route to facilitate those uses. Each November, hunters with permits may access portions of the refuge for a 4-day deer hunt, per State regulations.

Dated: June 4, 2010.

Wendi Weber,

Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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