

Issues Workbook

Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge and Carlton Pond Waterfowl Production Area

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*Sunkhaze Meadows Unit peatland/
Danielle E. D'Auria*



Pickerel frog/USFWS

Let's Get Started...

Participation by you and other interested groups and individuals is critical to the success of this planning process. Only then can we develop effective management which reflects your interests.

At this early stage in the planning process we are seeking your input via public meetings and this Issues Workbook. Our intent is to hear directly from folks like you - to learn how you feel about the refuge, any issues or concerns you might have, as well as your ideas for getting things done.

The following workbook will be available at the public meetings, and will be shared with refuge visitors, neighbors, and partners who may not be able to attend the meetings. We have compiled a list of questions to provide a basis for comparing your comments with others we receive.

Please answer any or all questions that are important to you. Where applicable, please indicate whether your answers address locations of any of the following refuge units: Sunkhaze Meadows, Benton, Sandy Stream or Carlton Pond WPA. Feel free to add additional comments in the space provided or on a separate piece of paper. Give us a call, email, or write us at the contact information provided end of this workbook.

The comments we receive in the workbooks, at the public meetings, and throughout the public scoping process will help us identify issues and develop goals and objectives.

Questions on Values, Vision, and the Service's Role

1. How many days do you visit Sunkhaze Meadows NWR and/or Carlton Pond WPA each year?

Sunkhaze Meadows NWR	Carlton Pond WPA
___ 0 - 4 days	___ 0 - 4 days
___ 5 - 10 days	___ 5 - 10 days
___ 11 - 24 days	___ 11 - 24 days
___ 25 - 49 days	___ 25 - 49 days
___ 50 + days	___ 50 + days

2. What are your favorite activities to engage in while visiting Sunkhaze Meadows NWR and/or Carlton Pond WPA (please specify location)? What areas of the refuge do you usually visit?

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*Paddlers on Sunkhaze Stream/
Danielle E. D'Auria*

3. Indicate which areas you use below. Rank the following areas in the order that you value them the most (rank from 1=most valued, 5=least valued, NA=never used):

- Sunkhaze Meadows Unit _____
- Benton Unit _____
- Sandy Stream Unit _____
- Carlton Pond WPA _____

4. What do you value most about Sunkhaze Meadows NWR and/or Carlton Pond WPA (please specify location)?



*Clouded sulphur butterfly/
Dave Small*

5. What do you consider to be the most important problem facing Sunkhaze Meadows NWR and/or Carlton Pond WPA (please specify location)?

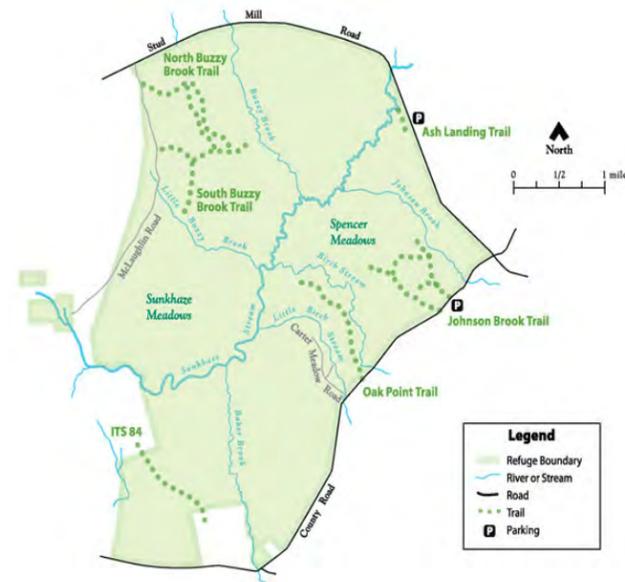
6. Do our recreational facilities meet your needs? (trails, parking, observation towers, signs, etc.) What other facilities would you be interested in? Please explain.

7. Do you use any existing trails at the Sunkhaze Meadows Unit?

Yes _____ No _____

If you checked yes to question #6, please indicate which trails you value the most (rank from 1=most valued, 5=least valued, NA=never used):

- Johnson Brook Trail _____
- North Buzzy Brook Trail _____
- South Buzzy Brook Trail _____
- Oak Point Trail _____
- Ash Landing Trail _____
- ITS 84 _____
- other: _____



*Trail Map of Sunkhaze Meadows
Unit/USFWS*

Return the Issues Workbook Using Either of the Options We've Provided:

Mail Issues Workbooks to:

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300 Westgate Center Drive
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Deposit Issues Workbooks in Boxes Provided at the Following Locations:

Milford Town Office
62 Davenport St., Milford, ME 04661

Troy Town Office
129 Rogers Rd, Troy, ME 04987

For Additional Information

Contact the refuge:
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Federal Relay Service for the deaf or hard of hearing:

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
<http://www.fws.gov>

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That's it! Thank you for your time.

IMPORTANT: Now that you are done, please separate this workbook and mail it back to us by **April 30, 2011**. We will summarize these public comments and those received at the public meeting in our next newsletter. Please help us keep our mailing list updated by completing the following.

If you wish to receive future "Planning Updates" about the Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge and Carlton Pond Waterfowl Production Area comprehensive conservation plan, please fill in the appropriate information below and return it with the Issues Workbook.

_____ (Yes) Keep me on your mailing list/add me to your mailing list

_____ (No) Take me off your mailing list.

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

City: _____

State _____ Zip Code: _____

If you are acting in an official capacity as the representative of an organization please complete the following two items.

Organization: _____

Title: _____

IMPORTANT: Please note that names on the CCP mailing list become part of the public record for this project. The Service must release names only, if requested, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act of 1974. To retain you on our mailing list we need your permission. Please sign below.

Signature: _____

Date: _____