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Public Comment Period for FWS Climate Strategy Extended Through Nov. 30

As part of the Department of the Interior's commitment to building a coordinated strategy to respond to the impacts of climate change on the nation's natural resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has released a proposed strategic plan that will guide the agency's efforts to respond to the unprecedented threat posed by global warming. The proposed strategic plan is available for public review and comment through Nov. 30.

The proposed strategic plan will help guide the Service's response to impacts such as changing wildlife migration patterns, the spread of invasive species, changing precipitation patterns and rising sea levels.

The plan has three key elements:

Adaptation -- helping to reduce the impacts of climate change on fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats;

Mitigation -- reducing levels of heat-trapping greenhouse gas pollution in the Earth's atmosphere; and

Engagement -- reaching out to Service employees, local, national and international partners in the public and private sectors, key constituencies and stakeholders and the broader citizenry of this country to join forces and seek solutions to the challenges to fish and wildlife conservation posed by climate change.

To view and comment on the strategy, visit http://www.fws.gov/home/climatechange/strategic_plan.html

For more information on how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve the nature of America in a changing climate, visit www.fws.gov/home/climatechange

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.