DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) and Environmental Assessments for the Minnesota Wetland Management Districts (WMD) in Western Minnesota, Including: Big Stone WMD (Odessa, MN); Detroit Lakes WMD (Detroit Lakes, MN); Fergus Falls WMD (Fergus Falls, MN); Litchfield WMD (Litchfield, MN); Morris WMD (Morris, MN); and Windom WMD (Windom, MN)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has published a draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for six wetland management districts in western Minnesota. These Plans describe how the Service intends to manage the Districts for the next 15 years.

DATES: Submit written comments by September 13, 2002. Comments should be addressed to the relevant Wetland Districts (WMD) in Western Minnesota, as listed below:

- Big Stone WMD (Odessa, MN); Morris WMD, Attn: CCP Comment, Rural Route 1, Box 25, Odessa, MN, 56295.
- Detroit Lakes WMD: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Detroit Lakes WMD, Attn: CCP Comment, Route 3, Box 47D, Tower Road, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501.
- Fergus Falls WMD: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fergus Falls WMD, Attn: CCP Comment, Route 7, Box 107, Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

Address comments to

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Litchfield WMD, Attn: CCP Comment, Route 3, Box 47D, Tower Road, Litchfield, MN 56350.

The plans and supporting environmental analyses are available, in draft format (pdf) on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service web site at http://midwest.fws.gov/planning.

ADDRESSES: A draft Plan or summary may be obtained by writing to the Refuge or WMD at the previously listed addresses or submitting a request electronically. These documents will also be made available in portable document format (pdf) on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service web site at http://midwest.fws.gov/planning/minnesota/wetlanddistrictstop.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1997, Congress mandated that the Service prepare a comprehensive conservation plan for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System. This mandate includes Wetland Management Districts, which are federal administrative units charged with acquiring, overseeing and managing Waterfowl Production Areas and easements within a specific group of counties. Comprehensive conservation plans guide management decisions over the course of 15 years. The Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plans for each of the six Minnesota Wetland Management Districts identify goals and objectives for habitat management, land protection and wildlife-dependent recreation, as well as strategies for achieving those goals and objectives.

Dated: June 18, 2002.

Marvin Moriarty,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Land Acquisitions; Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of final agency determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR part 151.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 78.26 acres, more or less, of land in trust for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan on July 31, 2002. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Pierskalla, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS—2070 MB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary’s decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On July 31, 2002, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 78.26 acres, more or less, of land known as the Sackrider property into trust for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan under the authority of Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The United States acknowledged the Nottawaseppi Huron Band through the federal acknowledgment process (25 CFR 83), and the notice of final determination acknowledging the Band was published in the Federal Register on December 21, 1995 (60 FR 66315). The Final Determination for Federal Acknowledgment for the Band was effective on March 21, 1996. The Band had no trust land at the time of acknowledgment. By memorandum dated December 13, 2000, the Associate Solicitor—Indian Affairs concluded that the land is within the geographical region anticipated as part of the Band’s land base and may be included as part of the Band’s initial reservation. Further, if the Sackrider property were included in the initial proclamation of reservation, it would meet the requirements of the “initial reservation” exception of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)(B)(ii), excepting it from the general prohibition on gaming on trust land acquired after October 17, 1988, contained in 25 U.S.C. 2719(a).

The Sackrider Property’s legal description is as follows:

Commencing at the West ¼ Post of Section 13, Town 2 South, Range 7 West, Emmett Township, Calhoun County, Michigan; thence North 00 Degrees 03’ 28” East along the West line of said section, 46.99 feet to the Southerly Line of the exit ramp for I–94, as recorded in Liber 898, page 004 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Calhoun County, Michigan; thence North 89 Degrees 00’ 09” East along said Southerly Line, 214.60 feet; thence 362.37 feet along the arc of a curve to the left whose radius measures 362.0 feet and whose chord bears North 60 Degrees 25’ 31” East, 347.43 feet; thence North 31 Degrees 44’ 56” East, 263.62 feet; thence North 59 Degrees 52’ 54” East, 81.39 feet to the place of beginning; thence continuing North 59 Degrees 52’ 54” East, 181.87 feet; thence South 78 Degrees 01’ 12” East, 472.30 feet; thence South 76 Degrees 27’ 00” East, 1357.31 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 04’ 24” West, 205.69 feet; to the Northwest corner of Lot 21 of the supervisor’s plat of Wagner Acres, as recorded in Liber 11 of plats on page 21 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Calhoun County, Michigan; thence South 00 Degrees 04’ 24” West along the West line of said plat, 1992.58 feet to the centerline of Michigan Ave.; thence North 55 Degrees 29’ 21” West along said centerline, 2350.98 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 03’ 28” East, 1191.07 feet to the place of beginning.

It consists of 78.26 acres of land, located in Emmett Township, Calhoun County, Michigan.

The Secretary will take the land into trust subject to completion and certification of an updated contaminant survey, and satisfaction of all title requirements.

Dated: August 6, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the Federal Register, notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Extension agreement to the Class III gaming compact between the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and the State of Montana.

DATES: This action is effective August 9, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of