DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Banks Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lanier County, GA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability: final comprehensive conservation plan and finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of the final comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for Banks Lake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). In the final CCP, we describe how we will manage this refuge for the next 15 years.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the CCP by writing to: Ms. Laura Housh, Regional Planner, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, 2700 Suwannee Canal Road, Folkston, GA 31537. You may also access and download the document from the Service’s Web site: http://southeast.fws.gov/planning.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Laura Housh; telephone: 912/496–7366, Extension 244; E-mail: laura_housh@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we finalize the CCP process for Banks Lake NWR. We started this process through a notice in the Federal Register on December 6, 2007 (72 FR 68892). For more about the process, see that notice.

Established in 1985, Banks Lake NWR is located near the city of Lakeland, Lanier County, Georgia. The refuge lies in the Grand Bay-Banks Lake (GBBL) ecosystem, an area that comprises the second-largest freshwater wetland system in Georgia. The 3,559-acre refuge includes a diversity of habitats consisting of open water, cypress-gum swamp, herbaceous marsh, scrub/shrub, and evergreen forested wetlands. Banks Lake is a prominent feature of the refuge, with many anglers seeking bass and other fish. Other recreational opportunities include wildlife observation and wildlife photography. The refuge hosts several listed species, migratory birds, and a variety of other wildlife, many of which are aquatic.

We announce our decision and the availability of the final CCP and FONSI for Banks Lake NWR in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [40 CFR 1506.6(b)] requirements. We completed a thorough analysis of impacts on the human environment, which we included in the draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment (Draft CCP/EA). The CCP will guide us in managing and administering Banks Lake NWR for the next 15 years.

The CCP will guide us in managing and administering Banks Lake National Wildlife Refuge for the next 15 years. Alternative B, as we described in the final CCP, is the foundation for the CCP.

The compatibility determinations for fishing; wildlife observation; wildlife photography; environmental education and interpretation; research studies and scientific collection; special events that advance outdoor recreation or conservation; commercial guided services for wildlife observation, photography, and interpretation; guided sport fishing; vegetation control on refuge shoreline by adjacent landowners; and fishing tournaments are available in the CCP.

Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Comments

Approximately 50 copies of the Draft CCP/EA were made available for a 30-day public review period as announced in the Federal Register on June 4, 2009 (74 FR 28883). Approximately 25 comments were received from local citizens and the State.

Selected Alternative

After considering the comments we received, we have selected Alternative B for implementation. The primary focus under Alternative B will be to expand management of all refuge resources. Monitoring efforts for listed species, general fish and wildlife, habitats, and water quality will be increased in order to gain a better understanding of their status and trends. The refuge boundary will be surveyed. We will conduct additional surveys to increase the understanding and protection of cultural resources. Public use opportunities will be increased.

Alternative B is considered to be the most effective for meeting the purposes of the refuge by protecting rare, threatened, and endangered species; maintaining biodiversity; and improving visitor services.

Authority

This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105–57.


Jacquelyn B. Parrish,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee; Announcement of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), will host a Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee (Committee) meeting March 2–4, 2010. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting agenda will include discussion of the current draft Recommendations to the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for March 2–4, 2010. For session times, see “Session Times” under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. To attend, you must register by February 23, 2010. See below.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before January 9, 2010. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th floor, Washington DC 20005; or by fax, 202–371–6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by


J. Paul Loether,
Chief, National Register of Historic Places/ National, Historic Landmarks Program.

ALASKA
Lake and Peninsula Borough-Census Area
Kasna Creek Mining District, Address Restricted, Port Alsworth, 10000017

ARKANSAS
Ashley County
Crossett Methodist Church, 500 Main St., Crossett, 10000018

GEORGIA
Meriwether County
Eleanor Roosevelt School, (Rosenwald Schools in Georgia. 1912–1937) Parham St. at Leverette Hill Rd., Warm Springs, 10000019

IOWA
Dickinson County
Mini-Wakan State Park Historic District, (CCC Properties in Iowa State Parks MPS) 24490 100th St., Spirit Lake, 10000021

MISSOURI
Atchison County
Rankin Hall, 402 N. 13th St., Terrkio, 10000022

NEW YORK
Broome County
Vestal Central School, 201 Main St., Vestal, 10000023

Chemung County
Brand, John, Jr., House, 351 Maple Ave., Elmira, 10000024
Gerity, William S., House, 415 William St., Elmira, 10000025

Erie County
Alling & Cory Buffalo Warehouse, 136 N. Division St., Buffalo, 10000026
Buffalo Trunk Manufacturing Company Building, 125 Cherry St., Buffalo, 10000027

Montgomery County
Chalmers Knitting Mills, 21–41 Bridge St., Amsterdam, 10000028

Oneida County
Stanley, Edward W., Recreation Center, 36 Kirkland Ave., Clinton, 10000029

Steuben County
Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, 2 Main St., Atlanta, 10000030

Warren County
Methodist Episcopal Church, 33 Harrisburg Rd., Stony Creek, 10000031

Westchester County
Bird Homestead, 600 Milton Rd., Rye, 10000032

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Weekly Listing of Historic Properties

Pursuant to (36 CFR 60.13(b,c)) and (36 CFR 63.5), this notice, through publication of the information included herein, is to apprise the public as well as governmental agencies, associations and all other organizations and individuals interested in historic preservation, of the properties added to, or determined eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places from November 2 to November 6, 2009.

For further information, please contact Edson Beall via: United States Postal Service mail, at the National Register of Historic Places, 2280, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20240; in person (by appointment), 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; by fax, 202–371–2229; by phone, 202–354–2255; or by e-mail, Edson_Beall@nps.gov.


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