information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or conduct, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number. This information collection expires April 30, 2010. It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the ADDRESSES section during the hours of 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made public at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

**OMB Control Number:** 1076–0100.

**Title:** Acquisition of Trust Land, 25 CFR 151.

**Brief Description of Collection:** Submission of this information allows BIA to review applications for the acquisition of land into trust status by the United States on behalf of individual Indians and Indian tribes, pursuant to 25 CFR 151. The information also allows the Secretary to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and to determine if title to the subject property is marketable and unencumbered. No specific form is used, but respondents supply information and data in accordance with 25 CFR 151, so that BIA may make an evaluation and determination on the application. Response is required to obtain a benefit.

**Type of Review:** Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Individual Indians and Indian tribes seeking acquisition of land into trust status.

**Number of Respondents:** 1,000.

**Total Number of Responses:** 1,000.

**Frequency of Response:** Once per each tract of land to be acquired.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**


**Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Caroline, Essex, King George, Lancaster, Middlesex, Richmond, and Westmoreland Counties, VA**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final comprehensive conservation plan and finding of no significant impact for environmental assessment.

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

**ADDRESSES:** You may view or obtain copies of the final CCP and FONSI by any of the following methods. You may request a hard copy or CD–ROM.

- **Agency Web Site:** Download a copy of the final CCP [http://www.fws.gov/northeast/planning/Rappahannock/CCP/Home.html](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/planning/Rappahannock/CCP/Home.html).

- **Electronic mail:** northeastplanning@fws.gov. Include “Rappahannock final CCP” in the subject line of the message.

- **U.S. Postal Service:** Joseph McCauley, Refuge Manager, Rappahannock River NWR Complex, 336 Wilna Road, Warsaw, VA 22572–1030.

- **In-Person Viewing or Pickup:** Call 804–333–1470 to make an appointment during regular business hours at refuge headquarters in Warsaw, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

- Joseph McCauley, Refuge Manager, Rappahannock River Valley NWR, 336 Wilna Road, Warsaw, VA 22572–1030; 804–333–1470 (phone); joseph_mccauley@fws.gov (electronic mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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**Introduction**

With this notice, we finalize the CCP process for Rappahannock River Valley NWR. We started this plan’s development through a notice in the Federal Register (70 FR 65931) on November 1, 2005. We released the draft CCP/EA to the public, announcing and requesting comments in a notice of availability in the Federal Register (74 FR 36500) on July 23, 2009.

Rappahannock River Valley NWR, consisting of more than 7,700 acres, was established in 1996 to conserve and protect fish and wildlife resources, including endangered and threatened species, and wetlands. Refuge habitats include freshwater tidal marsh, forested swamp, upland deciduous forest, mixed pine forest, and managed grassland. One federally listed species, the threatened sensitive joint-vetch (Aeschynomene virginica), is found on the refuge. The State of Virginia’s largest wintering population of bald eagles is located within the refuge boundary. Neotropical migratory songbirds, shorebirds, raptors, and marsh birds also rely on the Rappahannock River corridor during their spring and fall migrations. With help from partners and volunteers, we are restoring native grasslands and riparian forests along the river and its tributary streams to provide additional habitat for these important species.

Although wildlife and habitat conservation is the refuge’s first priority, the public can observe and photograph wildlife, fish, hunt, or participate in environmental education and interpretation on several units of the refuge. The refuge contains three sites on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. The Wilna Unit, located in Richmond County, offers accessible fishing, excellent wildlife observation opportunities, and accessible nature trails. Other units of the refuge are open for visits by reservation.

We announce our decision and the availability of the FONSI for the final CCP for Rappahannock River Valley NWR in accordance with 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 CCP/EA. The CCP will guide us in managing and administering Rappahannock River Valley NWR for the next 15 years. Alternative B, as we described in the draft CCP/EA, is the foundation for the final CCP.

**Background**

Alternative B, the “Service-Preferred Alternative,” reflects a management emphasis on enhancing habitat diversity. Priorities under this alternative are protecting and restoring riparian and wetlands habitat, slightly expanding our grasslands management program on up to 1,200 acres, and improving the habitat quality in planted pine stands. Our public-use programs would improve and expand as a result of engaging partners to help us implement them. New trails would be constructed, fishing access would increase, and we would evaluate new opportunities for hunting waterfowl and wild turkey. A new refuge headquarters and visitor contact facility would also be constructed on refuge lands.

Alternative C resembles Alternative B in its proposal for facilities and public-use programs, but differs in its upland habitat management. Under Alternative C, we would allow the existing 700 acres of grasslands and old fields to revert to shrub and forest. Tree plantings, applying herbicides, and cutting or brush-hogging (mowing) would occur as necessary to achieve the desired results. Riparian and wetlands protection and restoration would be similar to Alternative B.

Comments
We solicited comments on the draft CCP/EA for Rappahannock River Valley NWR from July 23, 2009, to August 24, 2009 (74 FR 36500). We received comments from 47 individuals, organizations, and State and Federal agencies on our draft plan via electronic mail, phone, and letters. All comments we received were evaluated. A summary of those comments and our responses to them is included as Appendix G in the CCP.

Selected Alternative
After considering the comments we received on our draft CCP/EA, we have selected Alternative B for implementation for several reasons. Alternative B comprises the mix of actions that, in our professional judgment, works best towards achieving refuge purposes, our vision and goals, and the goals of other State and regional conservation plans. We also believe it most effectively addresses the key issues raised during the planning process. The basis of our decision is detailed in Appendix H of the CCP.

Public Availability of Documents
You can view or obtain documents as indicated under ADDRESSES.