detailed planning on this refuge and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the environmental document and during development of the CCP.

Background

The CCP Process

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (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 and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals, objectives, and strategies that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge’s establishing purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Our CCP process provides opportunities for participation by Tribal, State, and local governments; agencies; organizations; and the public. We will be contacting identified stakeholders and individuals at this time for initial input. If you would like to meet with planning staff or would like to receive periodic updates, please contact us (see ADDRESSES section). We anticipate holding public meetings for initial comments and when alternative management scenarios have been identified. At this time we encourage comments in the form of issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of Don Edwards San Francisco Bay NWR.

We will conduct the environmental review of this project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge

Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge was created by Congress under Public Law 92–330 in 1972, but we did not acquire any lands within the Refuge until 1974. The Refuge was established to preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, protect migratory birds, protect threatened and endangered species, and provide opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation and environmental education under several acts, including the Act authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Property for Wildlife, or other purposes (16 U.S.C. 667b), Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1537), and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742f(b)(1)). The 30,000-acre Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, located in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties of California, consists of several non-contiguous parcels divided into four management units that surround the southern edge of the San Francisco Bay.

Scoping: Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

We have identified preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that we may address in the CCP. These include: Wildlife management, habitat management, wildlife-dependent recreation, environmental education, and cultural resources. During public scoping, we may identify additional issues.

Public Meetings

We will give the public an opportunity to provide input at a public meeting (or meetings). You can obtain the schedule from the refuge planner or refuge manager (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). You may also submit comments or request a meeting during the planning process by mail, e-mail, or fax (see ADDRESSES). There will be additional opportunities to provide public input once we have prepared a draft CCP.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.


Ken McDermond,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carolyn Johnson, Assistant Refuge Manager, Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, 718 Round Oak-Juliette Road, Round Oak, GA 31038. You may also access and download the document from the Service’s Internet Web site: http://southeast.fws.gov/planning/.
Bond Swamp NWR is in Bibb and Twiggs Counties, Georgia, about 6 miles south of the city of Macon, Georgia. The refuge covers a total of 7,348 acres within the 18,000-acre acquisition boundary and is situated along the Ocmulgee River. The refuge has a diversity of vegetation communities, including upland mixed pine/hardwood, bottomland hardwood, and tupelo gum swamp forests. Creeks, beaver swamps, and oxbow lakes traverse the forested wetlands. Annually, 8,000 to 10,000 visitors participate in refuge activities.

We announce our decision and the availability of the final CCP and FONSI for Bond Swamp NWR in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [40 CFR 1506.6(b)(1)] 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 Bond Swamp NWR for the next 15 years.

The compatibility determinations for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation/photography, environmental education/interpretation, boating, firefighting, cutting, forest management, off-road vehicle use (disabled persons only), resource research studies, and walking/jogging/bicycling are also available in the CCP.

Background

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Comments

Approximately 60 copies of the Draft CCP/EA were made available for a 30-day public review period as announced in the Federal Register on June 22, 2009 (74 FR 29511). A total of 61 comments were received from state and local government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and local citizens.

Selected Alternative

After considering the comments we received, and based on the sound professional judgment of the planning team, we selected Alternative C to implement the CCP. This alternative will emphasize biological and visitor services programs on the refuge, which will be protected, maintained, and enhanced by adding more staff, equipment, and facilities. This management alternative will restore and manage the forested wetlands and associated uplands in support of wildlife, especially waterfowl, neotropical migratory birds, and other native wildlife. We considered this alternative to be the most effective for meeting the purposes of the refuge. Alternative C best achieves national, ecosystem, and refuge-specific goals and objectives and positively addresses significant issues and concerns expressed by the public.

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Dated: November 24, 2009.

Jeffrey M. Fleming,
Acting Regional Director.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes approval of the Tribal-State Compact between the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the State of Nevada Governing Class III Gaming.

DATES: Effective Date: February 23, 2010.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. On December 17, 2009, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, approved the compact between the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the State of Nevada, which was executed on October 22, 2009. The compact authorizes the full gamut of casino-style gaming authorized by the Nevada Gaming Commission and/or lawfully permitted to be played by the State.


Donald Lavender,
Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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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 February 13, 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 20340; 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 March 10, 2010.

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

MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk County

Winthrop Center/Metcalf Square Historic District, roughly bounded by Lincoln, Winthrop Sts., Winthrop Cemetery, Buchanan, Fremont, Pauline, Hermon and Belcher Sts., Winthrop, 02152.

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