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'Far Traveler' Teacher Workshop Scheduled

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Red Wolf Recovery Program is offering a free teacher workshop on Friday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge in Columbia, NC. While the "Far Traveler" curriculum is designed mainly for K-8 students, much of the instructional material can be used to achieve education and interpretation objectives for all audiences. This workshop meets North Carolina Environmental Education Certification Criteria I or III. It may also qualify for one Continuing Education Unit.

Northeastern North Carolina is home to the world's only wild population of red wolves. The endangered red wolf is present in portions of Dare, Tyrrell, Hyde, Washington, and Beaufort Counties. The Red Wolf Recovery Program teacher workshop will cover the basics of red wolf biology and conservation and will focus on concepts such as food webs, habitat, endangered species, wildlife management, and conflict-resolution regarding wildlife in communities. Participants will learn and discuss curriculum activities as well as identify and cast red wolf tracks in Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

Comments from previous workshop participants include:

"Highly recommend it to future participants – notebook and video are so good!"
"Very much enjoyed going out in the field to see the wolf tracks."
"Learning the facts" enhanced my knowledge of the red wolf recovery effort.
"Really liked the hands-on activities."

At the suggestion of past participants, the workshop date of Friday, October 17, was selected to coordinate with the Saturday, October 18, Wolf Awareness Week red wolf howling safari. Howling registration and further information can be found at www.redwolves.com.

Please visit <http://www.fws.gov/redwolf/workshop.html> for more information and the workshop itinerary. Advanced workshop registration is required due to limited space. For information and registration, please contact Diane Hendry, Red Wolf Recovery Program Outreach Coordinator, at (252) 473-1131 x 246 or diane_hendry@fws.gov.

