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“NWRS Inventory and Monitoring:

Informing Biological Planning to Facilitate Excellence in Conservation Delivery”

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Description: A goal of the National Wildlife Refuge System Inventory and Monitoring (I&M) initiative is to fulfill the need to inform management actions and adaptation strategies at multiple geographic scales. This now necessitates surveying species using peer-reviewed methods and assuring that information gained is accessible, standardized, and managed in accordance with data standards of the federal government. The NWRS leadership has adopted a zone system for the I&M effort to provide the resources needed to address resource management issues originating beyond Refuge boundaries. Science-based decision support tools are being developed in collaboration with other FWS programs and with other agencies. Some examples of these efforts that will be highlighted in this presentation include: collaboration with NPS in the co-development of an information system called ServCat; support for the Water Resource Inventory and Assessments; young Wilderness Fellows going to refuges to develop wilderness character measures with refuge staff; determining status and monitoring effort of federally listed species on refuges; coordinated monitoring of waterbirds across regions.

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