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NEW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO BE PREPARED ON THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking public participation in preparing a new environmental impact statement on the operation of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The Service published an environmental impact statement on the National Wildlife Refuge System in 1976 and stated then that the document would be reviewed and revised in 10 years. Since the initial EIS was largely budget related and there is a need to examine in detail the operational programs of the Refuge System, the Service has concluded that it is desirable to prepare a new environmental impact statement.

The public is encouraged to participate in this process by providing its views on the issues that should be addressed in the environmental impact statement. Written comments may be provided by May 3, 1986, to the following address: Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 2343, Main Interior Building, 18th & C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240. Public meetings are scheduled for the following locations:

- March 19, 1986: Anchorage, Alaska; FWS Regional Office Conference Room, 1011 E. Tudor Road; 7:00 p.m.; contact William Knauer, (907) 786-3399.

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- March 20, 1986: Denver, Colorado; Stapleton Plaza Hotel, 3333 Quebec Street, 7:00 p.m.; contact Gerald Nugent, (303) 236-8150.
- April 1, 1986: Bloomington, Minnesota; Thunderbird Motel, 2201 E. 78th Street; 7:30 p.m.; contact Wayne Weier, (612) 725-4689.
- April 2, 1986: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Room H, Continuing Education Conference Center, University of New Mexico, 1634 University Boulevard; 7:00 p.m.; contact Dave Segal, (505) 766-8048.
- April 3, 1986: St. Louis, Missouri; Ramada Inn at the Airport, 9636 Natural Bridge Road; 7:30 p.m.; contact Wayne Weier, (612) 725-4689.
- April 3, 1986: Atlanta, Georgia; L.D. Strom Auditorium, Richard B. Russell Building, 75 Spring Street, S.W.; 7:00 p.m.; contact Patricia Podriznik, (404) 331-3551.

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