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Service to Host Three Public Scoping Meetings on the American Habitat Center Proposed Stakeholder Conservation Strategy for the Lesser Prairie-Chicken

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with the American Habitat Center (AHC) will host three public scoping meetings on the AHC Stakeholder Conservation Strategy for the Lesser Prairie-Chicken. Scoping meetings will be held in Garden City, Kansas; Woodward, Oklahoma; and Morton, Texas.

On February 7, 2014, the Service published a Notice of Intent to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed AHC Stakeholder Conservation Strategy for the Lesser Prairie-Chicken. The three scoping meetings are intended to gather information from the public on the scope of issues that might be addressed in a draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Service's draft Environmental Impact Statement will consider the proposed issuance of an Incidental Take Permit, supported by a Habitat Conservation Plan; no action; and a reasonable range of other alternatives.

The scoping meetings will be organized in an open house format and are scheduled from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at each of the following locations:

Tuesday, February 25, 2014
Garden City Community Center
801 Campus Drive
Garden City, KS 76846

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
High Plains Technology Center
3921 34th Street
Woodward, OK 73801

Thursday, February 27, 2014
Cochran County Activity Center
200 W Taylor
Morton, TX 79346

Information on the February 7, 2014, *Federal Register* notice is available at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/>, or you may contact Allison Arnold, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnett Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758-4460; telephone 512/490-0057; fax 512/490-0974; or email allison_arnold@fws.gov.

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