

Compatibility Determination Public Notice

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is announcing the availability of draft Compatibility Determinations for public review and comment. These Compatibility Determinations evaluate multiple uses at Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge.

A compatibility determination is the result of a process whereby the Refuge Manager reviews a proposed use on a refuge and determines whether the use is compatible with the purpose for which the refuge was established. If determined to be compatible, then the use may be permitted. If the use is determined incompatible, then it is not permitted to occur on the Refuge. Policy issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in October 2000 requires that compatibility determinations be provided to the public for review and comment.

The public comment period will extend from January 18, 2022 through February 1, 2022. Draft Compatibility Determinations are available for the following uses:

Horseback Riding

Grazing

Haying

River Floating

Research

Commercial Filming

Wildlife Observation, Photography, Interpretation and Environmental Education

Copies of the draft compatibility determinations may be obtained by contacting Matt Sprenger at matt_sprenger@fws.gov or (402) 389-2807.

Written comments may be sent by e-mail to matt_sprenger@fws.gov. Comments received will be reviewed and, if appropriate, incorporated into the Final Compatibility Determination. Individuals who submit comments will be notified upon completion of the Final Compatibility Determination. For more information, contact Matt Sprenger at 402-389-2807.