

News Release



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10 Year Review of Compatibility Determinations in the Big Stone Wetland Management District's Comprehensive Conservation Plan

All recreational uses, refuge management economic activities, or other uses of a National Wildlife Refuge or Waterfowl Production Area by a non-National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) entity are subject to the compatibility process. Each use must be evaluated to determine if it is compatible with the refuge or district purpose as well as the NWRS mission. This process requires a public comment period of 14 days for the public to respond to the proposed Compatibility Determination.

There are eight Compatibility Determinations available for public review and comment for the federal lands managed by Big Stone Wetland Management District in Lyon and Lincoln Counties, Minnesota. The Compatibility Determinations are available in the district headquarters office, as well as on the district website at (http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Big_Stone_WMD/) from February 13 through March 7, 2014. Copies of the draft Compatibility Determination can be obtained by calling 320-273-2508 or by emailing Jason_Ballard@fws.gov.

You may submit comments in person, via email or surface mail. Written comments on the Compatibility Determinations will be accepted through March 7, 2014. Written comments should be submitted to Jason Ballard, Big Stone NWR, 44843 County Road 19, Odessa, MN 56276; by fax: 320-273-2231; or to Jason_Ballard@fws.gov.

Comments received and agency responses will be included in the final version of this Compatibility Determination.

For more information on the Midwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service visit <http://midwest.fws.gov>.

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