

**NOTICE
PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD
FOR
DRAFT MOOSE AND TURKEY HUNTING PLANS
UPPER SOURIS AND DES LACS NATIONAL WILDLIFE
REFUGES**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is soliciting public comments for new proposed uses on Upper Souris and Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs). In an effort to increase hunting opportunities on public lands the Service is proposing to open portions of Upper Souris and Des Lacs NWRs to moose hunting and portions of Upper Souris NWR to spring wild turkey hunting. Draft hunt plans for both moose hunting and wild turkey hunting will be available for review on September 29, 2016. Copies of these plans are available upon request or can be downloaded from the Upper Souris and Des Lacs NWRs web sites (https://www.fws.gov/refuge/upper_souris/ or https://www.fws.gov/refuge/des_lacs/). Comments on the draft hunt plans will be accepted from September 29, 2016 through close of business on October 12, 2016. People wishing to provide comments can do so by submitting them in writing to Att: Project Leader, Souris River Basin NWR Complex, 17705 212TH Avenue NW, Berthold, ND 58718-966, or in person at the Upper Souris or Des Lacs NWR headquarters (42000 520th Street NW, Kenmare, ND 58746).

Additionally, there will be an open house at the Upper Souris NWR Headquarters from 6:00PM – 9:00PM on September 29, 2016 to provide opportunity for the public to ask questions and comment in person. Draft hunt plans will also be available at the open house.

For additional information, contact Frank Durbian, Project Leader, 701-768-2548 x113.