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Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes National Wildlife Refuge is Now Available

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces its decision to implement the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes National Wildlife Refuge's (Refuge) Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (Final CCP), selecting a modified Alternative A (the Service's preferred alternative) in a Finding of No Significant Impact.

The Final CCP is a 15-year management plan for improving the Refuge's habitats for the long-term conservation of fish, wildlife and plants and for providing wildlife-dependent recreation, environmental education, and interpretation opportunities for Refuge visitors.

Under the final CCP/EA, the Refuge would remain open. The Service would continue current management activities, and also include components from Alternative B including implementing the feral swine control plan and developing and implementing a predator management plan to protect western snowy plovers as well as California least terns. Public access, guided interpretive walks, and environmental education would continue to be offered. The Refuge would also continue to work actively with partners to support the goals of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Complex.

The 2,553-acre Refuge was established to protect and conserve the unique central California coastal dune and associated wetland habitats and the endangered and threatened wildlife and plants that inhabit them. The Refuge is located in San Luis Obispo County and is part of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Complex (Dunes Complex), an 18-mile-long stretch of coastal dunes landscape that occupies approximately 20,000 acres of southwestern San Luis Obispo County and northwestern Santa Barbara County.

The Service invited public comments on the Draft CCP/EA in March 2016 and received comments for improving the Refuge's habitat conservation and recreational programs. In response, the Service revised the document as appropriate and prepared the Final CCP/EA. The Final CCP/EA was approved in July 2016 and we now announce its availability.

The Final CCP and EA can be accessed on the Refuge's Web site: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Guadalupe-Nipomo_Dunes/. Paper copies will be available at a later date and can be requested via e-mail or U.S. mail as follows.

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The Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Refuge is part of the Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex, consisting of

four refuges within central and southern California.

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