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Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Honors 10,000 Volunteer Hour Milestone

Folkston, GA... Having reached 10,000 volunteer hours, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge volunteer, Roxy Colomb, is celebrating an incredible milestone. She was awarded a 10,000 hour volunteer pin and commemorative “Friend of the Refuge” plaque. Roxy first began volunteering in 1995 at Patagonia Lake State Park in Arizona and has loved the thrill of volunteering in such scenic places ever since. Traveling from state parks, to national forests, to national wildlife refuges, Roxy is on rotation to volunteer in 8 different refuges across the United States, and is currently enjoying the beauty that the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has to offer. She says that the most enjoyable part of volunteering for her is meeting people and having the chance to have some amazing educational opportunities. Roxy is looking forward to continuing to volunteer and meet more people in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Photo: Roxy Colomb accepting her “Friend of the Refuge” plaque from Volunteer Coordinator, Gracie Gooch.

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The Suwannee Canal Recreation Area (East Entrance) to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is the primary entrance managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is located 11 miles southwest of Folkston, GA off Hwy 121/23. Entrance fees are \$5 per vehicle/\$1 per bicycle for a daily pass (good for 7 days). Annual passes are also available. The refuge is open daily and offers a variety of opportunities for the visiting public. Call 912-496-7836 or visit the refuge website at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for hours of operation, upcoming events, and entrance fee information.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to our events for all participants. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in our events should contact Susan Heisey at (912) 496-7366 ext. 233 or Susan_Heisey@fws.gov. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please contact us for assistance at least five business days before the event.

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