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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT****[Docket No. FR-4557-N-30]****Federal Property Suitable as Facilities
To Assist the Homeless**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clifford Taffet, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: July 21, 2000.

Fred Karnas, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Availability of the Draft
Environmental Assessment and Land
Protection Plan for the Proposed
Establishment of Mountain Longleaf
National Wildlife Refuge, Calhoun
County, Alabama**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft environmental assessment and land protection plan for the proposed establishment of Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge in Calhoun County, Alabama.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, proposes to establish a new national wildlife refuge at Fort McClellan, a U.S. Army military base that was recently closed under the Base Realignment and Closure Act. The purpose of the proposed refuge is to protect, enhance, and manage a unique mountain longleaf pine ecosystem for the benefit of neotropical migratory birds and a diversity of native wildlife and plants, with special emphasis on the red-cockaded woodpecker and other endangered and threatened species. A Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the establishment of the proposed refuge has been prepared by Service biologists in coordination with the U.S. Army, the Alabama Game and Fish Division, and The Nature Conservancy. The assessment considers the biological, environmental, and socioeconomic effects of establishing the refuge and evaluates three alternative actions and their potential impacts on the environment. Written comments or recommendations concerning the proposal are welcomed and should be sent to address given below.

DATES: Land acquisition planning for the project is currently underway. The draft environmental assessment and land protection plan will be available to the public for review and comment on August 14, 2000. Written comments must be received no later than September 15, 2000, in order to be considered for the preparation of the final environmental assessment.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail your comments to Mr. Charles R. Danner, Planning and Support Team, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 420, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. You may hand-deliver your comments to Mr. Danner at the same address. Or you may submit your comments by telephone at 1-800-419-9582. Our practice is to make comments, including the names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be circumstances in

which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposal would establish a new national wildlife refuge on up to 15,000 acres of land in Calhoun County, Alabama, through an interagency transfer from the United States Army. The Service is proposing to establish the refuge by accepting the Army's offer to transfer the project lands in fee title.

The objectives of the proposed refuge are to (1) preserve and enhance the natural mountain longleaf pine ecosystem; (2) help perpetuate the neotropical migratory bird resource; (3) preserve a natural diversity and abundance of native fauna and flora, with special emphasis on the red-cockaded woodpecker and other endangered and threatened species; and (4) provide compatible, wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

Dated: July 24, 2000.

Sam D. Hamilton,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Availability, Draft Natural
Resource Restoration Plan**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), on behalf of the Department of the Interior (DOI), as a natural resource trustee, announces the release for public review of the Draft Natural Resource Restoration Plan (NRRP) for the Jack's Creek/Sitkin Smelting National Priorities List Superfund Site (Jack's Creek/Sitkin Smelting Site). The Draft NRRP describes the DOI's proposal to restore natural resources injured as a result of

chemical contamination at the Jack's Creek/Sitkin Smelting Site.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Draft NRRP may be made to: Mark Roberts, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, Pennsylvania 16801.

Written comments or materials regarding the Draft NRRP should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Roberts, Environmental Contaminants Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, Pennsylvania 16801. Interested parties may also call (814) 234-4090 or send e-mail to mark_roberts@fws.gov for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the Comprehensive Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), "natural resource trustees may assess damages to natural resources resulting from a discharge of oil or a release of a hazardous substance * * * and may seek to recover those damages." Natural resource damage assessments are separate from the cleanup actions undertaken at a hazardous waste site, and provide a process whereby the natural resource trustees can determine the proper compensation to the public for injury to natural resources. At the Jack's Creek/Sitkin Smelting Site in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, DOI was the sole natural resource trustee involved in the federal government's settlement with de minimus responsible parties. The Service determined that contamination at the Site had degraded habitat and injured trust resources (migratory birds). The injuries resulted from the exposure of migratory birds (such as killdeer, eastern bluebird, song sparrow, purple finch, American goldfinch, American robin, eastern phoebe, mourning doves, wood thrush, yellow warbler, and various species of waterfowl and shorebirds) to cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, selenium, silver, and zinc contamination in at least 5 acres of wetlands and 37 acres of upland habitat on the site.

As part of a Consent decree requiring remedial actions at the Jack's Creek/Sitkin Smelting Site, DOI agreed to a monetary settlement with de minimus responsible parties for natural resource damages. The settlement of \$128,908 was designated for restoration, replacement, or acquisition of the

equivalent natural resources injured by the release of contaminants at the site, and included reimbursement for costs related to assessing the damages.

The Draft NRRP is being released in accordance with the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at Title 43, Part 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Draft NRRP describes habitat restoration and protection alternatives identified by the DOI, and evaluates each of the possible alternatives based on all relevant considerations. The DOI's Preferred Alternative entails the use of the settlement funds to restore several acres of wetlands and upland habitat located within the Jack's Creek watershed. Details regarding the proposed project is contained in the Draft NRRP.

The Final Revised Procedures for the Service in implementing the National Environmental Protection Act were published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 1997. That publication provides for a categorical exclusion for natural resource damage assessment restoration plans prepared under CERCLA when only minor or negligible change in the use of the affected areas is planned. The DOI has determined that the Preferred Alternative will result in only minor change in the use of the affected area. Accordingly this Restoration Plan qualifies for a categorical exclusion under NEPA.

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Draft NRRP. Copies of the Draft NRRP are available from the Service's Pennsylvania Field Office at 315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, Pennsylvania 16801. Additionally the Draft NRRP is available for review at the Mifflin County Library located at 123 North Wayne Street, Lewistown, Pennsylvania. All comments received on the Draft NRRP will be considered and a response provided either through revision of this Draft Plan and incorporation into the Final Natural Resource Restoration Plan, or by letter to the commentor.

Author: The primary author of this notice is Mark Roberts, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, Pennsylvania 16801.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C.

Dated: July 24, 2000.

John R. Lemon,

*Acting Deputy Regional Director, Region 5,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

St. Croix Meadows Racing Park, Draft Environmental Assessment; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (DOI) announces the availability for public review and comment the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed acquisition of the St. Croix Meadows Racing Park in trust for the Sokaogon Chippewa Community of Wisconsin, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (Tribes), located in Hudson, St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

DATES: DOI invites all interested parties to submit comments on the draft EA during a comment period ending August 30, 2000. Written comments must be postmarked by August 30, 2000 to ensure consideration. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the draft EA should be directed to: Nancy Pierskalla, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, MS 2070 MIB, Washington, DC 20240; by telefax at (202) 273-3153, or via the Internet: nancypierskalla@bia.gov. The draft EA is available electronically through the Internet at www.doi.gov/bia/gaming/hudson.htm. Copies of the draft EA are also available for review at the Hudson Public Library, 911 4th Street, Hudson, Wisconsin 54016, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Office, One Federal Drive, Room 550, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Agency, 615 West Main, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806.

If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: nancypierskalla@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Pierskalla, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, MS 2070 MIB, Washington, DC 20240; by telephone at (202) 219-4066; or by telefax at (202) 273-3153.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By letter dated March 23, 2000, Roger McGeshick, Jr, Chairman, Sokaogon Chippewa Community of Wisconsin, gaiashkibos, Chairman, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, and Jean Buffalo-Reyes, Chairwoman, Red