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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces that the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for the Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge. We prepared this CCP pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and in it we describe how the Service intends to manage Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge over the next 15 years.

DATES: If you wish to provide written comments (in hard copy or electronic format), send them to Ann Timberman, Refuge Manager or to Bernardo Garza, Planning Team Leader, to the postal or electronic mail addresses listed below. Please keep in mind that we must receive your comments on or before September 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: To provide written comments or to obtain a copy of the Draft CCP/EA please write to Ann Timberman, Refuge Manager, Arapaho NWR, at P.O. Box 457, 953 Jackson County Road #32, Walden, Colorado 80480-0457, or via electronic mail at Ann_Timberman@fws.gov. You may also provide comments or obtain a copy of the Draft CCP/EA from Bernardo Garza, Planning Team Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Refuge Planning, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486 or via electronic mail at Bernardo_Garza@fws.gov. Additionally, copies of the CCP/EA may be

downloaded at the following website address: <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning/>. The Service encourages you to attend and provide your comments at the public meetings to be held in Walden and Fort Collins and/or Denver during September 2003. For precise information on the location, date and time of the meetings please contact Arapaho NWR at (970) 723-8202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Timberman, (970) 723-8202 ext. 3 or Bernardo Garza, (303) 236-4377.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee *et seq.*) requires a CCP. The purpose in developing CCPs is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife science, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update these CCPs at least every 15 years in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d).

Arapaho NWR, located in the center of Jackson County (north-central Colorado) is 23,243 acres in size. The Colorado Wildlife Commission approved the establishment of Arapaho NWR on June 5, 1967; the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approved acquisition of lands for the Refuge on August 15, 1967, and Arapaho NWR was established on September 26, 1967.

Significant issues addressed in this Draft CCP/EA include: Refuge establishment and history (Refuge purposes, water rights, and land acquisition); public uses (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation, and other wildlife-compatible public uses); habitat management (diversification, restoration, grazing, prescribed fire, water management, weed control);

wildlife and fisheries management (large ungulate herbivory, hunting and fishing pressure, habitat restoration and protection); species of concern (protection, research); partnerships and stakeholder involvement (importance, purposes); and Refuge management (staffing, equipment, infrastructure, and budgetary needs).

The Service developed four alternatives for management of the Refuge (Alternatives A, B, C & D), with the preferred alternative (Alternative D) consisting of elements of the first three alternatives. The preferred alternative seeks to ensure that wildlife comes first in Arapaho NWR by restoring, diversifying, and intensively managing the four distinct habitat types that comprise the Refuge (wetlands, wet meadows, riparian corridors, and uplands). This intensive management of habitats is expected to provide a wide variety of habitat elements that will in turn sustain a richer variety of flora and fauna through their life cycles. This proposed management will benefit not only waterfowl, but also shorebirds, neotropical migratory and upland birds, fishery resources, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and mammalian species. The preferred alternative also calls for intensive efforts to forge partnerships to attain Refuge goals as well as to promote wildlife-dependent public uses at the Refuge and throughout the North Park region of Colorado. The six priority wildlife-dependent public uses will continue to be supported and in some cases they will be expanded throughout the Refuge under the preferred alternative. This alternative will also strengthen the close working relationship in existence between the Service, the local community, conservation organizations, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and other State and Federal agencies. The preferred alternative is also expected to increase the amount of visitation of wildlife enthusiasts and wildlife-dependent recreationists to North Park, thus supporting the local economy while preserving wildlife resources for future generations.

The Service is seeking your comments regarding this draft CCP/EA that outlines the way in which Arapaho NWR will be managed for the next 15 years. Please provide us with your comments on or before September 12, 2003. Send your comments to Ann Timberman, Refuge Manager, or to Bernardo Garza, Planning Team Leader, to the addresses listed above.

Dated: July 25, 2003.

John A. Blankenship,

Deputy Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lakewood, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (NHOTIC) advisory board.

SUMMARY: The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board will meet in a conference room at the Best Western Sunridge Inn (541-523-6444), One Sunridge Way in Baker City, OR from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Pacific Time (PT) on Monday, September 29, 2003.

The meeting topics include revising the strategic plan, a roundtable to allow members to introduce new issues to the board, and other matters as may reasonably come before the Board. The entire meeting is open to the public. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the Board members, please submit a written request to the Vale District Office 10 days prior to the meeting. Public comment is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Pacific Time (PT).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the NHOTIC Advisory Board may be obtained from Peggy Diegan, Management Assistant/Webmaster, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918, (541) 473-3144, or e-mail Peggy_Diegan@or.blm.gov.

Dated: August 7, 2003.

David R. Henderson,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before July 19, 2003. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments

concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., 8th floor, Washington DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by August 28, 2003.

Carol D. Shull,

Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places.

FLORIDA

Alachua County

Liberty Hill Schoolhouse, (Florida's Historic Black Public Schools MPS) 7600 NW 23rd Ave., Gainesville, 03000825

Pinellas County

Round Lake Historic District, Roughly 5th Ave. N, 9th St. N, 13th Ave. N, and 4th St. N, St. Petersburg, 03000824

IOWA

Allamakee County

Allamakee County Court House, (PWA-Era County Courthouses of IA MPS) 110 Allamakee St., Waukon, 03000827

Appanoose County

C B & Q Passenger Depot, (Central City, Iowa MPS) 1124 S. Eighteenth St., Centerville, 03000833

Audubon County

Audubon County Court House, (PWA-Era County Courthouses of IA MPS) 318 Leroy St., Audubon, 03000826

Bremer County

Bremer County Court House, (PWA-Era County Courthouses of IA MPS) 415 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly, 03000821
Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Freight House—Chariton, Jct. of Auburn and Brookdale, Chariton, 03000836

Buchanan County

Buchanan County Court House, (PWA-Era County Courthouses of IA MPS) 216 5th Ave., 216 5th Ave., 03000820

Cass County

Cass County Court House, (PWA-Era County Courthouses of IA MPS) 5 W. 7th St., Atlantic, 03000819

Des Moines County

Des Moines County Court House, (PWA-Era County Courthouses of IA MPS) 513 N. Main St., Burlington, 03000817
Melcher, Dennis, Pottery and House, 22981 and 22982 Agency Rd., Danville, 03000832

Floyd County

Floyd County Court House, (PWA-Era County Courthouses of IA MPS) 101 S. Main St., Charles City, 03000816

Franklin County

Hampton Double Square Historic District, Roughly bounded by 2nd Ave., 1st Ave., the alley W of 1st St. and alley E of Federal, Hampton, 03000834

Henry County

Bangs, John and Lavina, House, 2759 Old Highway 24, New London, 03000831
McClellan's General Store, 107 E. Main, New London, 03000828
Smith and Weller Building, 100 E. Main, New London, 03000830

Humboldt County

Humboldt County Court House, (PWA-Era County Courthouses of IA MPS) 203 Main St., Dakota City, 03000823

Jones County

Jones County Court House, (PWA-Era County Courthouses of IA MPS) 500 W. Main St., Anamosa, 03000822

Marion County

Porter-Rhynsbarger House, 514 Broadway St., Pella, 03000837
Van Den Berg, Hendrik J. and Wilhelmina H., Cottage, 1305 W. Washington St., Pella, 03000835

Warren County

Warren County Court House, (PWA-Era County Courthouses of IA MPS) 115 N. Howard Ave., Indianola, 03000818

KANSAS

Atchison County

Baker, Francis and Harriet, House, 823 N. 5th St., Atchison, 03000838

Cherokee County

Baxter Springs Independent Oil and Gas Service Station, (Route 66 in Kansas MPS) 940 Military Ave., Baxter Springs, 03000841
Kansas Route 66 Historic District—East Galena, (Route 66 in Kansas MPS) US 66, Galena, 03000842
Williams' Store, (Route 66 in Kansas MPS) 7109 SE Highway 66, Riverton, 03000843

Cowley County

Coffin, W.H., House, 421 E. 11th Ave., Winfield, 03000839

Sherman County

Ruleton School, 6450 Ruleton Ave., Goodland, 03000840

MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol County

Whitman Mills, 1, 90 and E side Riverside Ave., S side, N side and rear 1 Coffin Ave., 10 Manomet St., New Bedford, 03000844

NEW YORK

Chenango County

Methodist-Episcopal Church of Norwich, 74 N. Broad St., Norwich, 03000846

Delaware County

Roxbury Historic District, NY 30, Cty Rte. 41, Bridge St., Vega Mt. Rd., Lake St., Shepard Hill Rd., Roxbury, 03000852