

plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing to the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), in conformance with the sound principles of fish and wildlife science, natural resources conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation. The Service will review and update each CCP at least once every 15 years, in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The 1,625-acre Wapack NWR, established by donation in 1972, was the first national wildlife refuge in New Hampshire. Its purpose is for use as an inviolate sanctuary or for any other management purpose for migratory birds. Because it is un-staffed, the Great Bay NWR staff, headquartered in Newington, New Hampshire, administers it. The refuge is located about 20 miles west of Nashua, New Hampshire, and encompasses the 2,278-foot elevation North Pack Monadnock Mountain in the towns of Greenfield and Temple, New Hampshire. The terms of the deed require the Service to manage the refuge in a “wilderness-like” setting for wildlife. Specific deed restrictions prohibit using motorized vehicles, hunting and fishing, trapping, or cutting trees.

Generally, mature northern hardwood-mixed and spruce-fir forest characterizes the refuge. It provides nesting habitat for numerous migratory songbirds, such as the black-capped chickadee, blackburnian warbler, black-throated blue warbler, hermit thrush, myrtle warbler, ovenbird, and red-eyed vireo. The refuge also supports a wide variety of other native wildlife, including deer, bear, coyote, fisher, fox, mink and weasel.

Visitors often engage in wildlife observation and photography on the refuge. It is especially popular for viewing the fall migration of hawks. A 4-mile segment of the 21-mile Wapack Trail traverses it, and rewards hikers with a beautiful view of the surrounding mountains. Two other trails cross the refuge to offer a 6-mile circuit hike.

The Draft CCP/EA evaluates two alternatives, which address eleven key issues identified by the public, State or Federal agencies, other Service programs, and our planning team. The

draft CCP/EA describes those issues in detail. Highlights follow.

Alternative A (Current Management): This alternative is the “No Action” alternative required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4347, as amended). Alternative A defines our current management activities, and serves as the baseline against which to compare the other alternative. The Service would continue to manage the refuge in a “wilderness-like” setting, without actively managing its habitat, thereby allowing natural succession to continue without human interference. The Service would continue to allow only compatible uses that are consistent with a “wilderness-like” setting and adhere to other deed restrictions. We would not allow hunting, fishing, trapping, driving motor vehicles, or cutting trees (except for maintaining trails). In addition, we would continue to prohibit camping, mountain biking, horseback riding and dog walking. This alternative would not improve access to the refuge or the visibility of the Service in the area. We would continue our informal relationships with the Friends of the Wapack and the Mountain View Hiking Club to maintain refuge trails. We would also continue to work under a memorandum of agreement with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to resolve inter-jurisdictional issues on the refuge as they arise.

Alternative B (the Service-preferred alternative): Alternative B is the alternative we propose as the best means to manage this refuge over the next 15 years. It includes an array of management actions that, in our professional judgment, work best toward achieving the purpose of the refuge, our vision and goals for it and State and regional conservation plans. In our opinion, this alternative would most effectively address the key issues.

We propose to focus on improving our baseline biological database and enhancing visitor services programs by expanding our partnerships with other federal agencies, state agencies, town departments, local conservation organizations, and individuals. One such project is to gather baseline data on the populations of plants and wildlife on the refuge in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. We would also use partnerships to maintain trails, develop and maintain a new trailhead parking area, and assess and monitor threats to the integrity of refuge habitat. We would also increase our presence on the refuge and its visibility in the local community, and better communicate

refuge regulations, visitor information, and contact information.

Under alternative B, we would manage public uses similar to alternative A by allowing only compatible activities that are consistent with a “wilderness-like” setting and adhere to other deed restrictions. The only differences are that we would allow dog walking on leash and recreational berry-picking.

This alternative does not propose to expand the refuge. However, we would offer our support to partners engaged in other land conservation and protection in the area, work with them to identify lands of high wildlife value in need of protection, and provide them with technical assistance in managing them.

After we evaluate and respond to the public comments on this Draft CCP/EA, we will prepare a final CCP for our Regional Director’s approval. He will determine whether a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate, and certify whether the final CCP meets agency compliance requirements, achieves refuge purposes, and helps fulfill the mission of the NWRS. With an affirmative FONSI and other positive findings, the Regional Director can approve the final CCP. If he issues a FONSI and approves that final CCP, we will announce its availability in the **Federal Register** and begin its implementation.

Dated: January 18, 2008.

Wendi Weber,

Acting Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Land Acquisitions; Puyallup Tribe, Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Final Agency Determination to Take Land into Trust under 25 CFR Part 151.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 10.2 acres of land into trust for the Puyallup Tribe of Washington on March 14, 2008. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Skibine, Director, Office of

Indian Gaming, MS-3657 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On March 14, 2008, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 10.2 acres of land into trust for the Puyallup Tribe of Washington. Pursuant to the Act of May 18, 2006, Public Law 109-224 (120 Stat. 376) Congress directed that the Secretary of the Interior accept the conveyance of certain specifically described tracts of land and hold that land in trust for the Puyallup Tribe. This tract of land is specifically identified in the Section 1(b) (1) and (2) of the statute. The statute specifically mandates that the Secretary "shall" accept the conveyance and hold the land in trust. The 10.2 acre parcel is located in the City of Fife, Pierce County, Washington.

The legal description of the property is as follows:

PARCEL A (0420076005)

Lots A, Boundary Line Adjustment recorded under recording number 9508150496, according to the map thereof recorded August 15, 1995, records of Pierce County Auditor.

EXCEPT that portion thereof lying North of a line that is 63.00 feet South of the Centerline of SR99 (Old State No. 1) as conveyed by instrument recorded under recording number 689874, records of Pierce County.

PARCEL B (0420076006)

Lot B, Boundary line adjustment 9508150496, according to the map thereof Recorded August 15, 1995, records of Pierce County Auditor.

EXCEPT that portion thereof lying North of a line that is 63.00 feet South of the centerline of SR99 (Old State Road No. 1) as conveyed by instrument recorded under recording number 689874, records of Pierce County.

Situate in the City of Fife, County of Pierce, State of Washington.

PARCEL C (0420076008)

Lot 4, Pierce County Short Plat No. 8908020412, according to the map thereof recorded August 2, 1995, records of Pierce County Auditor.

Together with portion of SR-5 abutting Lot 4, conveyed by deed recorded under recording no.

9309070433 described as follows:

That portion of Government Lot 1, Section 07, Township 20 North, Range 4 East of the Willamette Meridian, described as follows:

Commencing at Highway Engineer's Station (hereinafter referred to as HES) AL26 6+38.0 P.O.T. on the AL26 line survey of SR 5, Tacoma to King County line; THENCE South 88°54'30" East along the North line of said Lot 1, a distance of 95 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE South 01°05'30" West 87.4 feet; THENCE Westerly to a point opposite HES AL26 5+50.6 P.O.T. on said AL26 line survey and 75 feet Easterly therefrom; THENCE Northwesterly to a point opposite AL26 5+80.6 on said AL 26 line survey and 55 feet Easterly therefrom; THENCE Northerly parallel with said survey to the North line of said lot 1; THENCE North 88°54'30" East to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT that portion of Lot 4 of said short plat No. 8908020412, conveyed to the State of Washington by deed recorded under Recording No. 9308100165 and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Lot 4; THENCE North 89°53'30" West along the North line of said Lot 4 a distance of 147.44 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING and a point of curvature; THENCE Southwesterly along a curve to the left, the center of which bears South 00°06'30" West, 55.00 feet distant, through a central angle of 89°01'00", an arc distance of 85.45 feet; THENCE South 01°05'30" West, 59.43 Feet; THENCE North 88°54'30" West, 20.00 feet to a point on the Westerly line of said Lot 4; THENCE North 00°57'10" East along said Westerly line 113.15 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 4; THENCE South 89°53'30" East along said North line, a distance of 74.34 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

And EXCEPT that portion thereof lying North of a line that is 63.00 feet South of and parallel with the centerline of SR99 (Old State Road No. 1) as conveyed by instrument recorded under recording number 689874, records of Pierce County, Washington.

PARCEL D (0420076007)

Lot 3, Pierce County Short Plat No. 8908020412, according to the map thereof recorded August 2, 1989, Records of Pierce County Auditor.

EXCEPT that portion thereof lying North of a line that is 63.00 feet South of the centerline of SR99 (Old State

Road No. 1) as conveyed by instrument recorded under recording number 689874, records of Pierce County.

Situate in the City of Fife, County of Pierce, State of Washington.

Containing 10.2 acres, more or less.

Dated: March 14, 2008.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-957-08-1420-BJ]

Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the dates indicated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, and are necessary for the management of resources. The lands surveyed are:

The supplemental plat showing new lottings in sections 8, 17 and 18, Township 18 North, Range 79 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, was accepted December 6, 2007.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines, 1909 meanders of the Green River and an island located in sections 14 and 15, and the subdivision of certain sections, and the metes-and-bounds survey of Lot 13 in section 14, Township 23 North, Range 111 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 723, was accepted December 6, 2007.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary, the west and north boundaries and the subdivisional lines, Township 50 North, Range 78 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 727, was accepted December 6, 2007.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 21, and the metes and bounds survey of Lot 1, section 21, Township 18 North, Range 80 West,