Bond Swamp NWR is in Bibb and Twiggs Counties, Georgia, about 6 miles south of the city of Macon, Georgia. The refuge covers a total of 7,348 acres within the 18,000-acre acquisition boundary and is situated along the Ocmulgee River. The refuge has a diversity of vegetation communities, including upland mixed pine/ hardwood, bottomland hardwood, and tupelo gum swamp forests. Creeks, beaver swamps, and oxbow lakes traverse the forested wetlands. Annually, 8,000 to 10,000 visitors participate in refuge activities. We announce our decision and the availability of the final CCP and FONSI for Bond Swamp NWR in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [40 CFR 1506.6(b)] requirements. We completed a thorough analysis of impacts on the human environment, which we included in the draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment (Draft CCP/EA). The CCP will guide us in managing and administering Bond Swamp NWR for the next 15 years.

The compatibility determinations for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation/photography, environmental education/interpretation, boating, firewood cutting, forest management, off-road vehicle use (disabled persons only), resource research studies, and walking/jogging/bicycling are also available in the CCP.

Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Comments

Approximately 60 copies of the Draft CCP/EA were made available for a 30-day public review period as announced in the Federal Register on June 22, 2009 (74 FR 29511). A total of 61 comments were received from state and local government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and local citizens.

Selected Alternative

After considering the comments we received, and based on the sound professional judgment of the planning team, we selected Alternative C to implement the CCP. This alternative will emphasize biological and visitor services programs on the refuge, which will be protected, maintained, and enhanced by adding more staff, equipment, and facilities. This management alternative will restore and manage the forested wetlands and associated uplands in support of wildlife, especially waterfowl, neotropical migratory birds, and other native wildlife. We considered this alternative to be the most effective for meeting the purposes of the refuge. Alternative C best achieves national, ecosystem, and refuge-specific goals and objectives and positively addresses significant issues and concerns expressed by the public.

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Dated: November 24, 2009.

Jeffrey M. Fleming, Acting Regional Director.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes approval of the Tribal-State Compact between the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the State of Nevada Governing Class III Gaming.

DATES: Effective Date: February 23, 2010.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the Federal Register notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. On December 17, 2009, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, approved the compact between the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the State of Nevada, which was executed on October 22, 2009. The compact authorizes the full gamut of casino-style gaming authorized by the Nevada Gaming Commission and/or lawfully permitted to be played by the State.


Donald Laverdure, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places: Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before February 13, 2010. 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 March 10, 2010.

J. Paul Loether, Chief, National Register of Historic Places/ National Historic Landmarks Program.

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Winthrop Center/Metcalf Square Historic District, roughly bounded by Lincoln, Winthrop Sts., Winthrop Cemetery, Buchanan, Fremont, Pauline, Hermon and Belcher Sts., Winthrop, 01000098