

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**[LLOROR957000-L62510000-PM000:
HAG10-0178]**Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/
Washington****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington State Office, Portland, Oregon, 30 days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian*Oregon*

T. 3 S., R. 41 E., accepted January 15, 2010
T. 30 S., R. 11 W., accepted January 22, 2010
T. 2 N., R. 33 E., accepted January 27, 2010
T. 38 S., R. 1 W., accepted January 27, 2010
T. 18 S., R. 12 W., accepted January 27, 2010
T. 2 N., R. 33 E., accepted January 28, 2010

Washington

T. 10 N., R. 31 E., accepted February 9, 2010

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Land Office at the Oregon/Washington State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 333 S.W. 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file a notice that they wish to protest (at the above address) with the Oregon/Washington State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management, 333 S.W. 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204.

Dated: March 5, 2010.

Cathie Jensen,*Branch of Land, Mineral, and Energy
Resources.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R5-R-2010-N019; BAC-4311-K9 S3]

**Patuxent Research Refuge, Anne
Arundel and Prince George's Counties,
MD****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a
comprehensive conservation plan and
environmental assessment;announcement of public scoping
meetings.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental assessment (EA) for Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, Maryland. We provide this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the planning process. We are also announcing public meetings and requesting public comments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by March 31, 2010. We will announce opportunities for public input in local news media throughout the CCP process.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments or requests for more information by any of the following methods.

Electronic mail:

northeastplanning@fws.gov. Include "Patuxent Research Refuge CCP" in the subject line of the message.

Facsimile: Attention: Nancy McGarigal, 413-253-8468.

U.S. Mail: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035.

In-Person Drop-off: You may drop off comments during regular business hours at Patuxent Research Refuge, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Knudsen, Refuge Manager, Patuxent Research Refuge, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708; phone: 301-497-5580; electronic mail: *brad_knudsen@fws.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Introduction**

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for Patuxent Research Refuge, in Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, Maryland. This notice complies with our CCP policy to (1) advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge, and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the environmental document and during development of the CCP.

Background*The CCP Process*

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 (NWRS), 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, photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Each unit of the NWRS was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the NWRS mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

Our CCP process provides participation opportunities for Tribal, State, and local governments, agencies, organizations, and the public. At this time we encourage input in the form of issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of Patuxent Research Refuge.

We will conduct the environmental review of this project and develop an EA in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

Patuxent Research Refuge

Established in 1936 by executive order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a major portion of Patuxent Research Refuge is to support wildlife research. Today most of the research on

the refuge is conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey through the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

With land surrounding the Patuxent and Little Patuxent Rivers between Washington, DC, and Baltimore, Maryland, the refuge has grown from the original 2,670 acres to its present size of 12,841 acres, and encompasses land formerly managed by the Departments of Agriculture and Defense. Refuge habitats consist of forested floodplain and mixed hardwood uplands, managed impoundments, fields, and shrublands. The impressive breadth of research that has occurred over the years includes projects involving issues such as environmental contaminants, captive propagation of endangered species, including the whooping crane, and bird population monitoring techniques. The refuge is home to the National Wildlife Visitor Center, a first-class facility for environmental education, interpretation, and scientific information exchange. There are over 24 miles of hiking trails on the refuge, and a variety of opportunities for hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation year-round.

Scoping: Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

The planning team has identified some preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities to address in the CCP. We list below the categories for issues we have preliminarily identified. During public scoping, we expect additional issues may be raised.

- (1) Ecoregional or ecosystem-wide issues, such as climate change, land conservation, and protection of water quality throughout the watershed;
- (2) Biological program issues, such as habitat and species management, protection, restoration, monitoring, inventories, and research;
- (3) Public-use program issues, such as the breadth and quality of programs,

public access, user conflicts, and use impacts on natural resources;

- (4) Infrastructure and staffing issues, such as appropriateness of facilities, safety, accessibility, and additional staffing needs;
- (5) Community relations and outreach issues and opportunities, such as tourism, and local economic impacts; and
- (6) Coordination and communication issues and opportunities with other Service programs and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Public Meetings

We will give the public an opportunity to provide input at public meetings. You can obtain the schedule from the planning team leader or project leader (see ADDRESSES). You may also send comments anytime during the planning process by mail, electronic mail, or facsimile (see ADDRESSES). There will be additional opportunities to provide public input once we have prepared a draft CCP.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: February 11, 2010.

Wendi Weber,

Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703-358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703-358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
060470	Hollywood Animals, Inc.	74 FR 47821; September 17, 2009	January 15, 2010
060472	Hollywood Animals, Inc.	74 FR 47821; September 17, 2009	January 15, 2010
060473	Hollywood Animals, Inc.	74 FR 47821; September 17, 2009	January 15, 2010
192403	Ricardo E. Longoria	74 FR 58977; November 16, 2009	December 28, 2009
220887	Fort Worth Zoo	74 FR 55062; October 26, 2009	February 19, 2010
223400	Earth Promise, doing business as Fossil Rim Wildlife Center	74 FR 46222; September 8, 2009	February 19, 2010
223447	Zoological Society of San Diego	75 FR 427; January 5, 2010	February 26, 2010
230742	The Phoenix Zoo	74 FR 66675; December 16, 2009	February 2, 2010
231594	Seneca Park Zoo	74 FR 58977; November 16, 2009	February 2, 2010
232558	William J. Butler	74 FR 62586; November 30, 2009	January 20, 2010
233622	National Zoological Park	74 FR 66675; December 16, 2009	January 26, 2010
234069	Carl Wagner	74 FR 66675; December 16, 2009	January 28, 2010