

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.

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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