DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
[Docket No. FR–5376–N–110]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request; Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Home Energy Retrofit Loan Pilot Program; Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: December 3, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within zero (0) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number) and should be sent to: Ross A. Rutledge, HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; e-mail: Ross.A.Rutledge@omb.eop.gov; fax: 202–395–3086.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 4517th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Colette.Pollard@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 402–3400. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, an information collection package with respect to implementing an FHA Energy Efficient Mortgage Innovation pilot program targeted to the single family housing market. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111–117, approved December 16, 2009, 123 Stat. 3034) (2010 Appropriations Act), which appropriated fiscal year 2010 funds for HUD, among other agencies, appropriated $50 million for an Energy Innovation Fund to enable HUD to catalyze innovations in the residential energy efficiency sector that have the promise of replicability and help create a standardized home energy efficient retrofit market. Of the $50 million appropriated for the Energy Innovation Fund, the 2010 Appropriations Act stated that “$25,000,000 shall be for the Energy Efficient Mortgage Innovation pilot program directed at the single family housing market.” (See Pub. L. 111–117, at 123 Stat. 3089). The FHA Home Energy Retrofit Loan Pilot Program (Retrofit Pilot Program) is designed by HUD to meet this statutory directive and provides funding to support that effort. Under the Retrofit Pilot Program, HUD, through FHA-approved lenders, will insure loans for homeowers who are seeking to make energy improvements to their homes.

Lender participation in the Retrofit Pilot Program is voluntary. To facilitate HUD’s evaluation of lender performance and assessment of the success and replicability of the pilot program, HUD will select lenders to participate in the program. To be eligible for participation, lenders must submit an Expression of Interest that demonstrates the eligibility of the lender to participate in the Retrofit Pilot Program.

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Home Energy Retrofit Loan Pilot Program.

Description of Information Collection: Lender eligibility to participate in the Retrofit Pilot Program.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Agency Form Numbers: None.

Members of Affected Public: FHA-approved lenders.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of response: An estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 600, the estimated number of respondents is 15, the frequency response is one time, and the estimated number of hours per response is 40.


Colette Pollard,  
Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
[Docket No. FR–5375–N–45]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7266, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708–1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708–2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800–927–7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 24 CFR part 581 and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1988 Court Order in National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration, No. 88–2503–OG (D.D.C.).

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies, and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency’s needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use to assist the homeless, and the property will not be available.

Properties listed as unsuitable will not be made available for any other purpose for 20 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in a review by HUD of the determination of unsuitability should call the toll free information line at 1–800–927–7588 for detailed instructions or write a letter to Mark Johnston at the address listed at the beginning of this Notice. Included in the request for review should be the property address (including zip code), the date of publication in the Federal Register, the landholding agency, and the property number.

For more information regarding particular properties identified in this Notice (i.e., acreage, floor plan, existing sanitary facilities, exact street address), providers should contact the appropriate landholding agencies at the following addresses: Army: Ms. Veronica Rines, Department of the Army, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Room 8536, 2511 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202; (202) 601–2545; COE: Mr. Scott Whiteford, Army Corps of Engineers, Director of Real Estate, CEMP–CR, 441 G St., NW., Washington, DC 20314; (202) 761–5342; GSA: Mr. Gordon Creed, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, General Services Administration, Office of Property Disposal, 18th & F Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20405; (202) 501–0084; Navy: Mr. Albert Johnson, Director of Real Estate, Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington Navy Yard, 1330 Patterson Ave., SW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20374; (202) 685–9305; (These are not toll-free numbers).


Mark R. Johnston,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.

TITLE V: FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM FEDERAL REGISTER REPORT FOR 11/19/2010

Suitable/Available Properties

Building
Oregon

Residence
140 Government Road
Malheur Natl Forest
John Day OR 97845

Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040004
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9–B–CA–1673–AG
Comments: 2.07 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #3A
null
Ford City CA 93268

Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040005
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9–B–CA–1673–AB
Comments: 2.21 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #4
null
Ford City CA 93268

Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040006
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9–B–CA–1673–AC
Comments: 2.13 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #6
null
Ford City CA 93268

Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040007
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9–B–CA–1673–AH
Comments: 2.07 acres, mineral rights, utility easements

Drill Site #9
null
Ford City CA 93268

Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040008
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9–B–CA–1673–AD
Comments: 2.07 acres, mineral rights, utility easements
Drill Site #22
null
Ford City CA 93268
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040009
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9–B–CA–1673–AF
Comments: 2.07 acres, mineral rights, utility easements
Drill Site #24
null
Ford City CA 93268
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040010
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9–B–CA–1673–AE
Comments: 2.06 acres, mineral rights, utility easements
Drill Site #26
null
Ford City CA 93268
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040011
Status: Surplus
GSA Number: 9–B–CA–1673–AA
Comments: 2.752 acres, harbor sediments/petro pipeline

Unsuitable Properties

Building

Alabama
4 Bldgs.
Anniston Army Depot
Calhoun AL 36201
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040001
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 00051, 0084A, 0084B, 00614
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Arizona
4 Bldgs.
Fort Huachuca
Cochise AZ 85613
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040002
Status: Excess
Directions: 22009, 22010, 22011, 22012
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material
California
13 Bldgs.
Fort Irwin
San Bernardino CA 92310
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040003
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 100, 338, 343, 385, 411, 412, 413, 418, 489, 490, 491, 493, 5006
Reasons: Secured Area
Colorado
Bldgs. 5510, 6216
Fort Carson
El Paso CO 80913

Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040004
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
Hawaii
Bldg. 1000
Wheeler Army Airfield
Wahiawa HI 96786
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040005
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
17 Bldgs.
Schofield Barracks
Wahiawa HI 96786
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040006
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 10011 thru 10027
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldg. 177
Naval Station
Pearl Harbor HI 96860
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77201040015
Status: Underutilized
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material, Secured Area
Illinois
Bldgs. A0190, 00190, 01069
Iowa AAP
Middletown IA 52601
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040006
Status: Underutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldgs. 1712
Naval Station
Great Lakes IL 60088
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77201040012
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Iowa
Bldgs. 6019, 6019B, 6019C, 6019D, 6019E, 6019F
Iowa AAP
Middletown IA 52601
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040007
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration, Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material, Secured Area
Kansas
19 Toilets
John Redmond Lake
Burlington KS 66839
Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 31201040002
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Maryland
Bldgs. 136, 607
Fort Detrick
Forrest Glen Annex
Silver Spring MD 20901
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040008
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
Bldgs. 1627, 1689
Fort Detrick
Frederick MD 21702
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040009
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
16 Bldgs.
Naval Support Activity
Indian Head MD 20640
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77201040014
Status: Underutilized
Directions: 28, 163, 164/164A, 164B, 165, 166, 167, 273, 489, 496, 629, 698, 899, 1738, 1904, 3030
Reasons: Secured Area
Missouri
14 Bldgs.
Lake City AAP
Independence MO 64051
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040010
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material, Secured Area
10 Bldgs.
Fort Leonard Wood
Pulaski MO 65473
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040011
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1228, 1255, 1269, 2101, 2112, 2551, 2552, 5280, 5506, 6824
Reasons: Secured Area
New Jersey
9 Bldgs.
Picatinny Arsenal
Dover NJ 07806
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040013
Status: Underutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
6 Bldgs.
Picatinny Arsenal
Dover NJ 07806
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040014
Status: Underutilized
Directions: 1181, 1182, 1351, 1354A, 1521, 1522
Reasons: Secured Area
4 Bldgs.
Picatinny Arsenal
Dover NJ 07806
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040015
Status: Underutilized
Directions: 3052, 3339, 3340, 3341
Reasons: Secured Area
7 Bldgs.
Picatinny Arsenal
Dover NJ 07806
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040016
Status: Underutilized
Directions: 3604, 3605, 3606, 3609, 3613, 3615, 3627
Reasons: Secured Area
New Mexico
7 Bldgs.
Rhode Island
Reasons: Extensive deterioration, Secured Area
Directions: 76, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 98
Status: Excess
Property Number: 21201040021
Status: Excess
Reasons: Secured Area
7 Bldgs.
Fort Buchaman
Guaynabo PR
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040021
Status: Excess
Directions: 76, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 98
Reasons: Extensive deterioration, Secured Area
Rhode Island
Bldgs. 0A65V, 340, 382
Camp Fogarty Training Site
Kent RI 02816
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040022
Status: Excess
Reasons: Secured Area
South Carolina
Naval Health Clinic
3600 Rivers Ave.
Charleston SC 29405
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54201040013
Status: Excess
GSA Number: 4–N–SC–0606
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material
Tennessee
8 Bldgs.
Fort Campbell
Montgomery TN 42223
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040023
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1595, 2310, 2607, 3207, 3208, 3210, 3218
Reasons: Secured Area
9 Bldgs.
Fort Campbell
Montgomery TN 42223
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040024
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 6817, 6818, 6819, 6824, 6847, 6849, 6850, 6898, 6899
Reasons: Secured Area
7 Bldgs.
Fort Campbell
Montgomery TN 42223
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040025
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 7005, 7006, 7025, 7202, 7814, 8064, MM001
Reasons: Secured Area
4 Bldgs.
Milan AAP
Gibson TN 38358
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040026
Status: Excess
Directions: W001A, W0062, W0063, W0064
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
2 Vault Toilets
Washington Irving Rec Area
Sand Springs OK 74063
Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 31201040003
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
Oregon
3 Gatehouses
Oolah Lake
Oolah OK 74053
Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 31201040004
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
4.5 Bldgs.
Ft. Eustis
Virginia
Bldg. ANTEN
Fort Eustis
Va. 23604
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040032
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldgs. 1132, 1133, 1134
Fort Belvoir
Fairfax VA 22060
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040033
Status: Excess
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldg. HH025
Joint Base Myer
Arlington VA 22211
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040034
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
Bldgs. 6000, 8134
Fort Lee
Prince George VA 23801
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040035
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
6 Bldgs.
Radford AAP
Radford VA 24143
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040036
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1000, 1010, 2000, 2010, 22116, USO43
Reasons: Secured Area, Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material
Property JHH–16643
John H. Kerr Lake & Dam
Mecklenburg VA 23917
Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 31201040005
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Washington
Bldgs. 2607, 2613
Fort Lewis
Bldg. 4535
Deseret Chemical Depot
Stockton UT 84071
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040029
Status: Excess
Reasons: Secured Area
15 Bldgs.
Tooele Army Depot
Tooele UT 84074
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040030
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
Virginia
5 Bldgs.
Fort A.P. Hill
Bowling Green VA 22427
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040031
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1105, 1218, 1274, 1293, 1296
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldgs. 113, 113, 1134
Fort Belvoir
Fairfax VA 22060
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040032
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldgs. 6000, 8134
Fort Lee
Prince George VA 23801
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040033
Status: Excess
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldg. HH025
Joint Base Myer
Arlington VA 22211
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040034
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
Bldgs. 6000, 8134
Fort Lee
Prince George VA 23801
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040035
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
6 Bldgs.
Radford AAP
Radford VA 24143
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040036
Status: Unutilized
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Property Number: 21201040029
Status: Excess
Reasons: Secured Area
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Tooele UT 84074
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040030
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
Virginia
5 Bldgs.
Fort A.P. Hill
Bowling Green VA 22427
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040031
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1105, 1218, 1274, 1293, 1296
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldgs. 113, 113, 1134
Fort Belvoir
Fairfax VA 22060
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040032
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldgs. 6000, 8134
Fort Lee
Prince George VA 23801
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040033
Status: Excess
Reasons: Extensive deterioration
Bldg. HH025
Joint Base Myer
Arlington VA 22211
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040034
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
Bldgs. 6000, 8134
Fort Lee
Prince George VA 23801
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040035
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Secured Area
6 Bldgs.
Radford AAP
Radford VA 24143
Landholding Agency: Army
Property Number: 21201040036
Status: Unutilized
Directions: 1000, 1010, 2000, 2010, 22116, USO43
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Bldgs. 2607, 2613
Fort Lewis
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service


Caddo National Wildlife Refuge, Harrison County, TX; Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental assessment (EA) for Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Harrison County, TX. 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.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by May 18, 2011. 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.

E-mail: jeffrey.missal@fws.gov

Include “Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge CCP NOI” in the subject line of the message.

Fax: Attn: Jeffrey Missal, Natural Resource Planner, 505–248–7409.

U.S. Mail: Jeffrey Missal, Natural Resource Planner, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103–1306.

In-Person Drop-off: You may drop off comments during regular business hours at the Refuge Headquarters located at 13600 Highway 134, Karnack, TX 75661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Missal, Natural Resource Planner, Telephone: 505–248–7409; Fax: 505–248–6803; e-mail: jeffrey.missal@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, located in Harrison County, TX. 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, 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 and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act, as amended.

Each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System 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 National Wildlife Refuge System 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 National Wildlife Refuge System.

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 Caddo Lake National Wildlife 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.

Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge is located in Harrison County, TX, and encompasses approximately 7,500 acres of Piney Woods, mature Baldcypress Forests, and wetlands. On October 19, 2000, the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved the establishment of the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge on portions of the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant. It was officially opened as a national wildlife refuge on September 26, 2009, for the purpose of migratory bird and other fish and wildlife management, conservation, and protection.

In contrast to the more arid and thinly wooded areas that predominate much of the rest of Texas, Caddo Lake NWR is one of the richest examples of the lush and abundant Piney Woods Belt, where rainfall is plentiful and rivers and bayous twist through forests teeming with a great diversity of aquatic and terrestrial plant specimens. Portions of the Refuge and Caddo Lake constitute one of only 25 such areas in the United States recognized by the RANSAR Convention on Wetlands as a Wetland of International Significance. Residing in these forests and wetlands associated with the Refuge are a variety of birds, amphibians, reptiles, and fish. A number of animals and plants here are considered rare, threatened, or endangered under national and international laws; these species...