

Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting 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:* Tribal Colleges and University Programs.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2528–0215.

*Form Numbers:* SF 424, SF 424 SUPP, HUD 424 CB, SF LLL, HUD 2880, HUD 2990, HUD 2993, HUD 40077, HUD 96010, HUD 96011.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:*

The information is being collected to select applicants for award in this statutorily created competitive grant program and to monitor performance of grantees to ensure they meet statutory and program goals and requirements.

*Frequency of Submission:* Yearly.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 370.  
*Status:* 2528–0215.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: January 5, 2012.

**Colette Pollard,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS–R5–R–2011–N219; BAC–4311–K9–S3]

**James River National Wildlife Refuge,  
Prince George County, VA**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment; 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 James River National Wildlife Refuge (the refuge, NWR), which is located in Prince George County, Virginia. We provide this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge.

**DATES:** We will announce opportunities for public input throughout the CCP process in the **Federal Register**, local news media, and on our refuge planning Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/>

*northeast/planning/jamesriver/ccphome.html.*

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

*Email:* [fw5rw\\_evrnwr@fws.gov](mailto:fw5rw_evrnwr@fws.gov).

Include “James River CCP” in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* Attn: Meghan Carfioli, (804) 829–9606.

*U.S. Mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex—Charles City Sub-Office, 11116 Kimages Road, Charles City, VA 23030.

*In-Person Drop-off:* You may drop off comments during regular business hours at the address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Meghan Carfioli, Planning Team Leader, (804) 829–5413 (phone) or Andy Hofmann, Project Leader, Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex, (804) 333–1470 (phone), [fw5rw\\_evrnwr@fws.gov](mailto:fw5rw_evrnwr@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Introduction**

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for James River NWR, in Prince George County, Virginia. This notice complies with our CCP policy to advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge.

**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 to the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife 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.

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, 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 Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments, organizations, and the public. Throughout the process, we will have formal comment periods and hold public meetings to gather comments, issues, concerns, and suggestions for the future management of James River NWR. You may also send comments

during the planning process by mail, email, or fax (see **ADDRESSES**).

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.

#### *James River National Wildlife Refuge*

James River NWR is one of four refuges that comprise the Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex. James River NWR lies in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and is located along the James River in Prince George County, Virginia, approximately 8 miles southeast of the City of Hopewell and 30 miles southeast of the City of Richmond.

The refuge was established in 1991 to protect nationally significant nesting and roosting habitat for the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*). The 4,325-acre refuge consists of riparian, wetland, and forested habitats, including loblolly pine plantations. These habitats support a variety of songbirds, raptors, rare plants, and other species of conservation concern. The federally threatened plant, sensitive joint-vetch (*Aeschynomene virginica*), occurs in wetlands on the refuge. The refuge also has a rich cultural history, illustrated by the numerous archaeological and historical sites on the refuge.

James River NWR also provides opportunities for the public to engage in wildlife-dependent recreation. Popular activities on the refuge include wildlife observation, nature photography, and onsite environmental education and interpretive programs. The refuge also offers an annual white-tailed deer hunt. Public access to the refuge is by permit to limit disturbance to bald eagles, as well as to minimize risks to public safety while habitat management activities (e.g., prescribed burning, timber management) are underway.

#### **Scoping: Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities**

We have identified several preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that we intend to address in the CCP. These include the following:

- Opportunities to restore the native southern pine ecosystem and maintain a healthy riparian corridor along the James River and its tributaries;
- The potential to manage suitable habitat for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*), a federally listed

species not currently known on the refuge but known to occur in an adjacent county;

- The protection of bald eagles and management of their nesting and roosting habitat;
- The protection of sensitive joint-vetch, a federally threatened wetland plant;
- The protection of cultural resources, including historical and archaeological sites;
- The amount and distribution of compatible public uses to allow;
- The potential for climate change to impact refuge resources;
- The potential for boundary expansion, including land acquisition and conservation easements;
- Opportunities to collaborate with partner organizations for interpretation and education programming.

We expect that members of the public, our conservation partners, and Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments may identify additional issues during public scoping.

#### **Public Meetings**

During the planning process, we will hold meetings for the public to provide comments, issues, concerns, and suggestions about refuge management. When we schedule formal comment periods and public meeting(s), we will announce them in the **Federal Register**, local news media, and on our refuge planning Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/planning/jamesriver/ccphome.html>.

You can also obtain the schedule from the planning team leader or project leader (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

#### **Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, 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: December 5, 2011.

#### **Salvatore M. Amato,**

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

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R3-ES-2011-N258;  
FXHC113003000005B-123-FF03E00000]

#### **Notice of Availability; Draft Springfield Plateau Regional Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of the Interior (DOI), acting through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the State of Missouri, acting through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, have written a Draft Springfield Plateau Regional Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan), which describes proposed alternatives for restoring injured natural resources in the Springfield Plateau ecoregion, and an environmental assessment, as required pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Draft Plan and to seek written comments. This notice is provided pursuant to Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) regulations and NEPA regulations.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments on or before February 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments via U. S. mail to: John Weber, Restoration Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 101 Park DeVille Dr., Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203; or Frances Klahr, Natural Resource Damages Coordinator, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176; or by electronic mail (email) to [John\\_S\\_Weber@fws.gov](mailto:John_S_Weber@fws.gov), or [frances.klahr@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:frances.klahr@dnr.mo.gov).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Case Management and Logistical Information:* Dave Mosby, (573) 234-2132 (x113).

*Technical Information:* John Weber, (573) 234-2132 (x177).

*Missouri Natural Resource Damages Coordinator:* Frances Klahr, (573) 522-1347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of the Interior (represented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) and the State of Missouri (represented by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources) (Trustees) are trustees for natural resources considered in this restoration plan, pursuant to subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous