



Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge

Planning Update #2 / Winter 2007

Comprehensive Conservation Planning Workbook & Public Scoping Meetings

Greetings from the Refuge Manager

Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) invites you to participate in the public scoping process to develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the refuge. This multi-year, master planning process will produce a plan that will help guide refuge management for the next 15 years.

Your ideas and comments will be an important part of the process, so I'd like to invite you to participate. Turn the page for more information about comprehensive conservation planning and getting involved with the process.

Recently, we mailed you Planning Update #1, which provided background about the Refuge and the National Wildlife Refuge System, and explained how comprehensive conservation planning fits into the overall picture of refuge management. Please try to read the update before our first meeting; this will help all of us start on the same page, so to speak, as we begin our public scoping meetings. If you didn't receive a copy of the first mailing, let us know and we'll be glad to send you one.

I hope you'll feel free to contact me or Mark Pelz, Refuge Planner, if you have any questions. You'll find our phone numbers and email addresses within this update. I look forward to seeing you at one of our future meetings.

Carol Damberg

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Refuge Manager

Klamath Marsh NWR Issues Workbook

Inside is an a issues workbook for you to use in formulating your comments. The information you provide in this Issues Workbook will be very helpful in assisting Refuge staff in developing a draft plan. Please fill out and mail by March 15, 2007.

Help us keep our mailing list updated

If you wish to receive future "Planning Updates" about the Klamath Marsh NWR's Comprehensive Conservation Plan, please fill in the information below.

(Yes) Add me to your mailing list (No) Take me off your mailing list

Name (Please Print): _____

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Are you acting in an official capacity as the representative of an organization?

Organization: _____

Title: _____

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Klamath Marsh NWR Issues Workbook

Values, Vision, and the Service's Role

1. What activities do you engage in on Klamath Marsh Refuge or plan to in the near future?

2. What things do you value most about the Refuge?

3. In a sentence or two, describe your future vision for the refuge. You may want to list a vision for wildlife, habitats, visitor services or other aspects of the refuge

4. What do you consider the most important problems facing the Refuge today? (List up to 3 in order of importance)

5. What technical services would you like the Refuge staff to provide? (check if appropriate)

wetlands management

volunteer opportunities

management of endangered species

enhanced visitor services

grasslands restoration

enhanced educational services

management to benefit wildlife

habitat enhancement on private lands

control of invasive and non-native species, including plants

other: _____

Provide specific comments concerning technical services you would like to see.

6. Please indicate here any additional comments you wish to make on values, vision, or the Service's role.

Fish, Wildlife and Their Habitats

Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge provides important habitat for a wide variety of species, including several rare and declining species.

1. Are there specific areas within the Refuge that, in your opinion, need protection? If so, please list them here, and explain why you think they are important.

2. Are any of the following issues a major concern to you on the Refuge? If so, please check (or number in priority order) your top choices.

Refuge in holdings and boundary issues

cattle trespass

control of invasive plant species

water quality

control of invasive insects or other animals

forest management practices

wildfire

riparian habitat degradation

haying or grazing

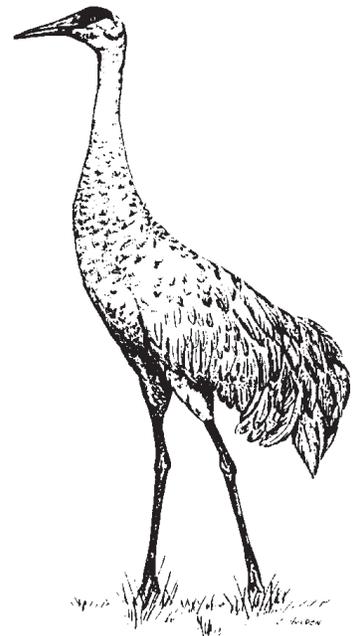
lack of active management to improve wildlife habitats

water rights and related issues

other issues (please specify):

3. If possible, please provide additional details on why you selected the above choices. In particular we would be interested to know specific locations of concern.

4. Please include here any additional comments on fish and wildlife habitat issues and concerns.



Recreation, Education, and Access

It is important to recognize there are laws and policy which guide management of public use on National Wildlife Refuges. National Wildlife Refuges are closed to public use until officially designated open and only those public uses that are “compatible” with the purpose(s) for which a Refuge was established are allowed. Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1958 “for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds.” In 1986, the purpose of the Refuge was expanded to include “... the conservation of the wetlands of the Nation in order to maintain the public benefits they provide and to help fulfill international obligations contained in various migratory bird treaties and conventions ...”

1. Are any of the current activities, or the current levels of use on the Refuge a concern to you?

2. Do current Refuge recreational facilities meet your needs (trails, parking, signs, etc.)? Please explain.

3. Are any of the following visitor service and public use issues a major concern to you on the Refuge? If so, please check (or number in priority order) your top choices.

lack of wildlife related visitor services (such as education, information and interpretive services; hunting programs, fishing, wildlife observation and wildlife photography) on the Refuge.

possible conflicts between public uses/facilities and wildlife/habitat values (please explain):

vehicle access or trespass

illegal hunting

cultural resource preservation

historical resource preservation

other public use issues and concerns (please explain):

4. Please indicate here any additional comments on recreation, education, and public access.

IMPORTANT: Please mail your finished workbook to the address below by March 15, 2007 (fold this side up, tape, stamp, and send).

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stamp here

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