

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[FEMA-1780-DR]

**Texas; Amendment No. 4 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas (FEMA-1780-DR), dated July 24, 2008, and related determinations.**DATES:** *Effective Date:* August 13, 2008.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of July 24, 2008.

Jim Hogg County for Public Assistance. (The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.)

**R. David Paulison,***Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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[FEMA-1768-DR]

**Wisconsin; Amendment No. 16 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Wisconsin (FEMA-1768-DR), dated June 14, 2008, and related determinations.**DATES:** *Effective Date:* August 18, 2008.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Wisconsin is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of June 14, 2008.

Walworth County for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance.)

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.)

**R. David Paulison,***Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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[FWS-R4-R-2008-N0152; 40136-1265-0000-S3]

**Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge, Marshall, McCracken, and Graves Counties, KY****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 associated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents for Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge. We provide this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other 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, we must receive your written comments by October 14, 2008. An open house meeting will be held during the scoping phase of the CCP development process. The date, time, and place for the meeting will be announced in the local media.**ADDRESSES:** Address comments, questions, and requests for more information to: Tina Chouinard, Natural Resource Planner, Fish and Wildlife Service, 6772 Hwy 76 South, Stanton, TN 38069.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tina Chouinard; *Telephone:* 731/780-8208; *Fax:* 731/772-7839; *E-mail:* [tina\\_chouinard@fws.gov](mailto:tina_chouinard@fws.gov).**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Introduction**

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge in Marshall, McCracken, and Graves Counties, Kentucky.

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 Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Improvement Act), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing to 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, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Improvement Act.

Each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System is 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 for the best possible conservation approach to this important wildlife habitat, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with the 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 Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media outlets will be used to announce opportunities for input throughout the planning process.

We will conduct the environmental assessment 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.

On June 19, 1997, the Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge was established under the “Emergency Wetland Resources Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 3582–91.)” The purposes are “\* \* \* 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 \* \* \*” 16 U.S.C. 3901(b), 100 Stat. 3583.

The refuge was first identified as a high priority site for protection in 1978 by the Service's bottomland hardwood conservation program. In 1991, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources asked the Service to consider the site for protection as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The refuge currently consists of approximately 8,500 acres, with an approved acquisition boundary of approximately 18,000 acres that extends along the East Fork of the Clarks River from just south of Benton, Kentucky, northwest to within five miles of the city of Paducah, Kentucky. The office/visitor center and maintenance facilities are located on the refuge in Benton, Kentucky. The most common public use activities on the refuge consist of hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and hiking. Environmental education is also a significant use on the refuge.

### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

**Authority:** This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105–57.

Dated: July 1, 2008.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Geological Survey

#### Interim Steering Committee for the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Law 106–503, the Interim Steering Committee for the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center will hold a meeting to discuss priority wildlife climate change research needs of land management and natural resources agencies. Agenda topics will be provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. Meetings of the Interim Steering Committee for the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center are open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting location is Main Interior Building, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Room B253.

**DATES:** September 23, 2008, commencing at 9:15 a.m. and adjourning at 12 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robin Schrock, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS301, Reston, Virginia 20192, 703–648–4066, [Robin\\_Schrock@usgs.gov](mailto:Robin_Schrock@usgs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center Interim Steering Committee is comprised of members from Federal and State government. The Interim Steering Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the development of the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center.

*Matters To Be Considered:* The meeting will begin with Federal, State and non-governmental organizations provided an opportunity to discuss the agenda for the planned December Workshop on climate change and wildlife research needs. The committee will use common themes and unique needs identified in previous meetings, including modeling, forecasting, and technology transfer, to build a workshop program that will explore additional needs and address the current state of knowledge and management and policy implications. The meeting will conclude with identification of potential workshop speakers and invitees.