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International Wildlife Refuge Alliance Seeks Executive Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: TRENTON, MI – There are over 550 National Wildlife Refuges nation-wide and we have, in southeast Michigan, the only International Wildlife Refuge – the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. The International Wildlife Refuge Alliance (IWRA) is an alliance of organizations that builds the capacity of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deliver its mission for the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. IWRA is an independent, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization established to help protect wildlife and support wildlife dependent recreational uses like hunting, fishing, photography, wildlife observation, interpretation, and environmental education.

IWRA works collaboratively to promote community outreach, organize educational and interpretive programs, undertake habitat rehabilitation and restoration, coordinate volunteer staff, organize special events, undertake advocacy for the refuge, and help with fund-raising.

George Mans, Chairman of the IWRA Board of Directors, stated:

“Our mission is to support the first International Wildlife Refuge in North America by working through partnerships to protect, conserve and manage the refuge’s wildlife and habitats and to create exceptional conservation, recreational and educational experiences to develop the next generation of conservation stewards.”

“With the recent growth that we’ve seen in the refuge during the past twelve months, it became obvious to the Board that a full time person is necessary to manage the day to day activities of the Alliance. IWRA is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Executive Director. Reporting to the IWRA’s Board of Directors, Executive Director will work collaboratively with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff, responsible for the Refuge, and its many partners. The selected candidate will be located at the offices of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, currently located at: Large Lakes Research Station, Grosse Ile, Michigan.”

For more information on this outstanding career opportunity, please go to our web site at <http://RefugeAlliance.googlepages.com/home>. The deadline for application is January 31, 2007. Application materials should be sent to Mr. George Mans, Chairperson, International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, P.O. Box 91, Trenton, Michigan 48183 (iwr_alliance@yahoo.com).

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