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In accordance with the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, no uses for which the Service has authority to regulate may be allowed on a unit of Refuge System unless it is determined to be compatible. A compatible use is a use that, in the sound professional judgment of the refuge manager, will not materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of the National Wildlife Refuge System mission or the purposes of the national wildlife refuge. Managers must complete a written compatibility determination for each use, or collection of like-uses, that is signed by the manager and the Regional Chief of Refuges in the respective Service region.

Draft compatibility determinations were included in the Draft CCP to allow public review and comment.

The following compatibility determinations have had public review. Copies of the signed documents are available for viewing at Mingo NWR Headquarters:

- # Hunting
- # Fishing
- # Wildlife Observation and Wildlife Photography
- # Environmental Education
- # Interpretation and Special Events
- # Boating, Canoeing and Kayaking
- # Horseback Riding, Recreational Biking, Hiking and Jogging
- # Firewood Harvest
- # Gather Wild Edibles: Berry, Mushroom, Pokeweed
- # Research by a Third Party
- # Farming
- # Haying

The following compatibility determinations for Ozark Cavefish NWR have had public review. Copies of the signed documents are available for viewing at Mingo NWR Headquarters:

- # Wildlife Observation, Photography, Interpretation, and Environmental Education
- # Fishing
- # Hunting
- # Research by a Third Party

The following compatibility determinations for Pilot Knob NWR have had public review. Copies of the signed documents are available for viewing at Mingo NWR Headquarters.

- # Environmental Education, Wildlife Observation, Photography and Interpretation
- # Research by a Third Party

