

Comprehensive Conservation Plan Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge

Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge is developing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) to guide the management of the refuge for the next 15 years.

WHAT?

Comprehensive Conservation Plan – This will be the written document prepared by a Planning Team and will give “what we’re going to do” for the next 15 years as far as

management of the resources.

This relates to: Wildlife and Fisheries

Habitat Management

Cultural Resources

Staff and Funding Needs

Facilities and Maintenance

Law Enforcement Program

Public Use Activities

WHY?

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 established, for the first time, a clear legislative mission of wildlife conservation for the National Wildlife Refuge System. Included in this legislation is a requirement for all refuges to complete a 15 year management plan (i.e., Comprehensive Conservation Plan).

WHEN?

The Cross Creeks process began on December 10, 2006 with a core team meeting. A public meeting (Open House) was held on February 28 in Dover, TN to solicit comments from interested parties. A comment period extends for 30 days until March 30, 2007. After the comment period, a Draft CCP and Environmental Assessment will be written and released in winter 2008 for public review and another public meeting held at that time. A final CCP is anticipated to be released in March 2009. Public comments will be accepted and considered until the final CCP is approved.

WHERE TO GET FORMS?

Comment forms are available at the refuge office and may be submitted by mail to Cross Creeks NWR, 643 Wildlife Road, Dover, TN 37058 or e-mailed to crosscreeks@fws.gov.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

Comments from the public meeting and those contained in letters will be summarized by the planning team and considered in the preparation of the CCP.