

Instruction for public comment on draft Eagle Conservation Plan Guidance

The guidelines have now been published in the *Federal Register* (February 18, 2011) and are now open for public comment for 90 days until May 19, 2011. The **draft Eagle Conservation Plan Guidance** is part of the Department of the Interior's ongoing efforts to improve siting and permitting of renewable energy projects.

Email comments can be submitted to windenergy@fws.gov. Please include "Eagle Conservation Plan Guidance Comments" in the subject line and your full name and return address in the body of the message. Please note that the email address will be closed when the public comment period closes.

Alternatively, you may submit comments or recommendations by mail to: Attention: Eagle Conservation Plan Guidance; Division of Migratory Bird Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop 4107; Arlington, VA 22203-1610.

- (1) How could the Guidance better address issues related to windpower development?
- (2) Comments on the substance of the Guidance, particularly on ACPs, compensatory mitigation, and new or expanded definitions.
- (3) What additional requirements may be necessary to ensure that wind-energy programmatic permits comply with the Eagle Act?
- (4) Should the Guidance be voluntary or mandatory?
- (5) If the Guidance should not be binding in their entirety, which provisions should be binding?
- (6) How could the Guidance better address the responsibilities of Tribal, State, and Federal agencies?
- (7) How could the Guidance be applied to other industries or activities?