



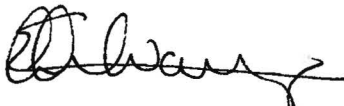
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Memorandum

To: Assistant Director – National Wildlife Refuge System

From: Chief, Division of Realty 

Subject: FY 2014 Land Acquisition Priority System (“LAPS”) list

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Attached is the FY 2014 Land Acquisition Priority System (LAPS) list for the National Wildlife Refuge System, including component and cumulative scores for each project. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will use these rankings as a starting point for the FY 2014 Land and Water Conservation Fund budget process.

LAPS is a “tool” that numerically ranks projects by comparing only the Service trust resource objectives and priorities for each Refuge. Numerical scores are assigned to four components (Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Endangered and Threatened Species, Bird Conservation, and Landscape Conservation).

The points for each component are totaled to yield a cumulative score and produce a biological profile for each project. Only projects with willing sellers and available land acquisition opportunities are ranked.

The LAPS rankings will help inform the budget process, but they do not determine which refuge projects will ultimately receive funding in a given fiscal year. Congress, in consultation with the Service, determines which refuges will receive land acquisition funds. LAPS’ primary role is to provide decision makers with information on the relative biological strengths of each project.

This letter as well as the FY 2014 LAPS list is available online at <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/realty/laps.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Alvarez, Chief, Division of Realty at (703) 358-1713.

Attachment



FY 2014 LAPS PROJECT LIST

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Rank	Projects Name	Region	State	Component Fisheries Points	Component Endangered Species Points	Component BCR Points	Component Landscape Points	Total Points
1	Silvio O. Conte NWR	5	CT,NH,VT,MA	167	200	160	200	727
2	Great White Heron NWR	4	FL	157	200	175	160	692
3	Cache River NWR	4	AR	179	162	153	170	664
4	San Joaquin River NWR	8	CA	175	159	165	160	659
5	St. Marks NWR	4	FL	156	174	126	200	656
6	Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR	2	TX	125	179	198	152	654
7	Dakota Grassland CA	6	SD, ND	140	122	187	200	649
8	Everglades Headwaters NWR	4	FL	99	200	172	176	647
9	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie WMA	6	SD, ND	137	131	178	200	646
10	Alaska Maritime NWR	7	AK	121	173	189	160	643
11	Grasslands WMA	8	CA	135	189	170	146	640
12	Savannah NWR	4	SC	162	168	162	142	634
13	Alligator River NWR	4	NC	158	200	102	170	630
14	Upper Mississippi River NW&FR	3	IA	172	68	188	200	628
15	Lower Suwannee NWR	4	FL	171	158	130	160	619
16	Laguna Atascosa NWR	2	TX	134	127	196	158	615
17	Cape Romain NWR	4	SC	159	154	130	164	607
18	Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin NWR	4	SC	168	165	153	117	603
19	Hakalau Forest NWR	1	HI	13	200	177	200	590
20	Blackwater NWR	5	MD	173	200	74	140	587
21	Big Muddy NF&WR	3	MO	172	123	90	200	585
22	Yukon Delta NWR	7	AK	158	79	184	160	581
23	San Luis Valley CA	6	CO	119	73	182	190	564
24	Chickasaw NWR	4	TN	171	153	93	146	563
25	Flint Hills Legacy CA	6	KS	94	91	178	200	563
26	San Pablo Bay NWR	8	CA	187	138	115	113	553
27	Bear River Watershed CA	6	ID, UT, WY	90	97	179	185	551
28	Togiak NWR	7	AK	144	64	182	160	550
29	Waccamaw NWR	4	SC	160	125	110	152	547
30	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR	3	MN	151	123	70	200	544
31	Driftless Area NWR	3	IA	143	200	52	135	530
32	Lower Hatchie NWR	4	TN	171	154	91	110	526
33	San Bernard NWR	2	TX	159	36	189	140	524
34	Buenos Aires NWR	2	AZ	13	200	181	117	511
35	Willapa NWR	1	WA	160	91	107	150	508
36	McFaddin NWR	2	TX	127	84	157	137	505
37	Rocky Mountain Front CA	6	MT	86	68	142	200	496
38	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR	2	TX	20	200	175	100	495
39	Balcones Canyonlands NWR	2	TX	87	200	67	140	494
40	Tulare Basin WMA	8	CA	70	166	153	105	494
41	Cypress Creek NWR	3	IL	170	104	95	115	484
42	Edwin B. Forsythe NWR	5	NJ	115	68	172	128	483
43	Clarks River NWR	4	KY	141	182	77	80	480
44	Red Rock Lakes NWR	6	MT	136	47	85	200	468
45	Okefenokee NWR	4	GA	90	119	55	200	464
46	Sacramento River NWR	8	CA	177	96	95	95	463
47	Cape May NWR	5	NJ	126	53	176	106	461
48	Trinity River NWR	2	TX	156	69	89	140	454
49	Ozark Plateau NWR	2	OK	95	200	38	120	453
50	Lower Klamath NWR	8	CA, OR	119	12	146	175	452
51	Yukon Flats NWR	7	AK	122	2	167	160	451
52	Nestucca Bay NWR	1	OR	179	44	100	127	450
53	San Diego NWR	8	CA	32	192	36	190	450
54	Rachel Carson NWR	5	ME	159	67	132	80	438
55	Ohio River Islands NWR	5	PA, WV, OH, KY	133	103	115	86	437
56	Nisqually NWR	1	WA	153	121	67	95	436
57	Felsenthal NWR	4	AR	160	58	78	136	432
58	Anahuac NWR	2	TX	133	76	115	107	431

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59	Blackfoot Valley CA	6	MT	104	66	69	190	429
60	Patoka River NWR	3	IN	135	78	93	100	406
61	Minnesota Valley NWR	3	MN	152	18	75	160	405
62	Stone Lakes NWR	8	CA	164	89	39	100	392
63	Eastern Shore of VA NWR	5	VA	110	43	186	45	384
64	Cherry Valley NWR	5	PA	113	49	111	107	380
65	Back Bay NWR	5	VA	136	57	89	95	377
66	Chincoteague NWR	5	VA	137	52	115	70	374
67	Innoko NWR	7	AK	139	2	71	160	372
68	Tualatin River NWR	1	OR	137	63	95	75	370
69	Petit Manan NWR	5	ME	150	49	117	51	367
70	Detroit River IWR	3	MI	142	21	106	96	365
71	Texas Point NWR	2	TX	110	83	70	102	365
72	Cokeville Meadows NWR	6	WY	101	32	66	160	359
73	Baca NWR	6	CO	91	25	67	170	353
74	Ouray NWR	6	UT	91	85	50	120	346
75	Marais des Cygnes NWR	6	KS	94	80	80	90	344
76	Umbagog NWR	5	ME, NH	81	9	53	190	333
77	Kanutu NWR	7	AK	103	2	60	160	325
78	Trustom Pond NWR	5	RI	124	86	74	40	324
79	Swan Valley CA	6	MT	112	52	48	110	322
80	Lost Trail NWR	6	MT	134	55	61	70	320
81	Rappahannock NWR	5	VA	137	35	57	90	319
82	Canaan Valley NWR	5	WV	65	25	63	155	308
83	John H. Chafee NWR	5	RI	145	48	75	40	308
84	Montezuma NWR	5	NY	93	6	158	45	302
85	Neches River NWR	2	TX	100	40	60	100	300
86	Bear River MBR	6	UT	20	11	157	105	293
87	Ninigret NWR	5	RI	113	72	64	40	289
88	Arapaho NWR	6	CO	69	18	74	115	276
89	Great Dismal Swamp NWR	5	VA	95	7	43	131	276
90	Turnbull NWR	1	WA	52	36	41	140	269
91	Glacial Ridge NWR	3	MN	74	22	71	96	263
92	Sheldon NWR	1	OR	39	15	45	155	254
93	Walkill River NWR	5	NY, NJ	24	36	75	112	247
94	Little Pend Oreille NWR	1	WA	91	6	44	100	241
95	James River NWR	5	VA	134	7	54	40	235
96	Neal Smith NWR	3	IA	40	19	69	80	208
97	Middle Rio Grande NWR	2	NM	11	10	8	20	49