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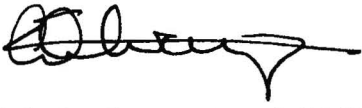


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Memorandum

To: Assistant Director – National Wildlife Refuge System

From: Chief, Division of Realty 

Subject: FY 2013 Land Acquisition Priority System (“LAPS”) list

Attached is the FY 2013 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 2013 Land and Water Conservation Fund budget process.

LAPS is a “tool” that numerically ranks projects by comparing 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), in addition to a project summary.

The points for each component are totaled to yield a cumulative score and produce a biological profile for each project. Only projects that have completed Decision Documents – in addition to willing sellers – are ranked.

The FY 2013 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 2013 LAPS PROJECT LIST

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Rank	Projects Name	Region	State	Bonus Completion Points	Component Fisheries Points	Component Endangered Species Points	Component BCR Points	Component Landscape Points	Total Points
1	Great White Heron NWR	4	FL	0	157	200	175	200	732
2	Silvio O. Conte NF&WR	5	CT,NH,VT,MA	0	167	200	160	200	727
3	Savannah NWR	4	GA, SC	0	162	200	182	178	722
4	Cache River NWR	4	AR	0	184	200	144	188	716
5	Laguna Atascosa NWR	2	TX	0	134	180	196	200	710
6	Lower Suwannee NWR	4	FL	10	171	200	130	172	683
7	St. Marks NWR	4	FL	0	156	200	126	200	682
8	Cape Romain NWR	4	SC	0	159	200	118	200	677
9	San Joaquin River NWR	8	CA	50	170	197	165	90	672
10	Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR	2	TX	0	125	182	198	158	663
11	Upper Mississippi River NW&FR	3	IA, IL, MN, WI	10	172	88	188	188	646
12	Waccamaw NWR	4	SC	0	160	200	100	182	642
13	Dakota Grassland CA	6	SD, ND	0	127	177	141	190	635
14	Yukon Delta NWR	7	AK	50	158	82	184	160	634
15	Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin NWR	4	SC	0	160	200	146	123	629
16	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie WMA	6	ND, SD	0	126	161	134	195	616
17	Togiak NWR	7	AK	50	144	78	182	160	614
18	North Dakota WMA	6	ND	0	137	114	161	200	612
19	Blackwater NWR	5	MD	0	173	200	74	152	599
20	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR	3	IA, MN	0	151	176	70	200	597
21	Big Muddy NF&WR	3	MO	0	172	157	87	176	592
22	Flint Hills Legacy CA	6	KS	0	78	139	175	200	592
23	Chickasaw NWR	4	TN	0	146	200	93	146	585
24	Cypress Creek NWR	3	IL	0	170	153	95	162	580
25	Anahuac NWR	2	TX	0	133	139	155	136	563
27	Hakalau Forest NWR	1	HI	50	9	200	177	125	561
28	San Bernard NWR	2	TX	0	159	64	189	140	552
29	Nestucca Bay NWR	1	OR	0	179	97	160	115	551
30	Lower Hatchie NWR	4	TN	0	146	200	91	110	547
31	Edwin B. Forsythe NWR	5	NJ	0	115	104	172	146	537
32	Grasslands WMA	8	CA	0	66	180	170	121	537
33	Rocky Mountain Front CA	6	MT	0	81	93	161	200	535
34	Buenos Aires NWR	2	AZ	25	13	200	181	108	527
35	Ottawa NWR	3	OH	0	161	167	117	80	525
36	San Pablo Bay NWR	8	CA	0	177	133	115	95	520
37	Cape May NWR	5	NJ	0	126	87	176	118	507
38	Nisqually NWR	1	WA	0	153	195	68	90	506
39	Bon Secour NWR	4	AL	0	140	200	95	70	505
40	Willapa NWR	1	WA	25	154	99	161	65	504
41	Yukon Flats NWR	7	AK	50	122	2	167	160	501
42	Balcones Canyonlands NWR	2	TX	0	87	200	67	140	494
43	Trinity River NWR	2	TX	0	156	112	74	146	488
44	Okefenokee NWR	4	GA	0	89	150	61	188	488

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45	Red Rock Lakes NWR	6	MT	0	124	63	96	200	483
46	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR	2	TX	0	20	200	175	85	480
47	Lost Trail NWR	6	MT	50	134	96	61	135	476
48	Sacramento River NWR	8	CA	0	177	126	95	75	473
49	Ozark Plateau NWR	2	OK	0	95	200	38	140	473
50	Upper Ouachita NWR	4	LA	0	157	64	91	158	470
51	Rachel Carson NWR	5	ME	0	159	95	132	80	466
52	Driftless Area NWR	3	IA	0	143	200	52	70	465
53	Tulare Basin WMA	8	CA	0	30	184	153	95	462
54	Middle Mississippi River NWR	3	IL, MO	0	188	93	64	112	457
55	Innoko NWR	7	AK	50	139	2	71	195	457
56	Alligator River NWR	4	NC	0	158	86	59	141	444
57	San Diego NWR	8	CA	0	30	190	33	190	443
58	Ohio River Islands NWR	5	PA, WV, OH, K	0	115	105	133	80	433
59	Blackfoot Valley WMA	6	MT	10	104	85	68	165	432
60	Chincoteague NWR	5	VA	10	137	92	115	70	424
61	Felsenthal NWR	4	AR	10	144	42	78	143	417
62	Eastern Shore of VA NWR	5	VA	0	110	59	186	60	415
63	Cherry Valley NWR	5	PA	0	113	81	111	107	412
64	Kanuti NWR	7	AK	50	103	2	60	195	410
65	Back Bay NWR	5	VA	0	136	88	89	95	408
66	Minnesota Valley NWR	3	MN	0	152	18	75	160	405
67	Petit Manan NWR	5	ME	0	150	81	117	51	399
68	Patoka River NWR	3	IN	0	135	70	88	100	393
69	Swan Valley CA	6	MT	0	112	83	34	160	389
70	Marais des Cygnes NWR	6	KS	0	94	117	80	90	381
71	Bitter Lake NWR	2	NM	0	24	200	76	75	375
72	Detroit River IWR	3	MI	0	142	29	106	96	373
73	Panther Swamp NWR	4	MS	0	67	98	81	125	371
74	Trustom Pond NWR	5	RI	0	124	124	74	40	362
75	Tualatin River NWR	1	OR	0	137	54	95	75	361
76	Stone Lakes NWR	8	CA	0	86	127	39	100	352
77	Umbagog NWR	5	ME, NH	0	81	22	53	190	346
78	Rappahannock NWR	5	VA	0	137	51	57	90	335
79	Canaan Valley NWR	5	WV	0	65	40	63	165	333
80	Great Dismal Swamp NWR	5	VA	50	95	12	43	131	331
81	John H. Chafee NWR	5	RI	0	145	63	75	40	323
82	Ninigret NWR	5	RI	0	113	103	64	40	320
83	Ouray NWR	6	UT	10	91	117	46	55	319
84	Neches River NWR	2	TX	0	127	35	56	100	318
85	Shiawassee NWR	3	MI	0	101	40	82	85	308
86	Supawna Meadows NWR	5	NJ	0	159	32	72	35	298
87	Crane Meadows NWR	3	MN	0	110	40	67	80	297

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88	Arapaho NWR	6	CO	10	69	27	69	120	295
89	Bear River MBR	6	UT	0	20	16	153	105	294
90	Cokeville Meadows NWR	6	WY	0	101	40	52	95	288
91	Turnbull NWR	1	WA	0	52	49	41	140	282
92	Glacial Ridge NWR	3	MN	0	74	29	71	96	270
93	James River NWR	5	VA	25	134	17	54	40	270
94	Wallkill River NWR	5	NJ, NY	0	24	52	75	117	268
95	Bayou Teche NWR	4	LA	0	85	40	61	75	261
96	Little Pend Oreille NWR	1	WA	10	91	14	44	100	259
97	Deep Fork NWR	2	OK	0	98	48	81	25	252
98	Theodore Roosevelt NWR	4	MS	0	69	54	52	75	250
99	Baca NWR	6	CO	10	25	5	47	146	233
100	Neal Smith NWR	3	IA	0	40	24	69	80	213
101	Conboy Lake NWR	1	WA	0	49	5	25	20	99