

Name	Permit number	Date issued
R. French-Constant .....	PRT 842392 .....	07/24/98

\* Indicates permit renewal and amendment.  
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Additional information on these permit actions may be requested by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, telephone 612/713-5332, during normal business hours (7:30am-4:00pm) weekdays.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

**John A. Blankenship,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Louisiana Black Bear Habitat Protection Project, Tensas, Concordia, and St. Mary Parishes, Louisiana**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Louisiana Black Bear Habitat Protection Project.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, proposes to establish two new national wildlife refuges and expand an existing national wildlife refuge in the State of Louisiana for the benefit of the Louisiana black bear, a federally listed threatened species. The purpose of the proposal is to facilitate the recovery of the Louisiana black bear by protecting currently occupied bear habitat, enhancing potential immigration areas, and establishing core areas to serve as key links in bear movement corridors. These actions are recommended by the Black Bear Conservation Committee, a group whose membership includes over 50 wildlife management agencies and conservation organizations. If implemented, the project would help meet the goals of the Louisiana Black Bear Recovery Plan.

A Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Louisiana Black Bear Habitat Protection Proposal has been developed by Service biologists in coordination with the

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Black Bear Conservation Committee, parish officials, and other local entities. The assessment considers the biological, environmental, and socioeconomic effects of implementing the project and evaluates two alternative actions and their potential impacts on the environment. Written comments or recommendations concerning the proposal are welcomed and should be sent to the address given below.

**DATES:** Land acquisition planning for the project is currently underway. The draft environmental assessment and land protection plan will be available to the public for review and comment on August 17, 1998. Written comments must be received no later than September 18, 1998, in order to be considered for the preparation of the final environmental assessment.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for copies of the draft environmental assessment and for further information on the project should be addressed to Mr. Charles R. Danner, Team Leader, Planning and Support Team, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, or by telephone at 800/419-9582.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposal would establish the Glade Woods National Wildlife Refuge on 13,000 acres in Tensas Parish and the Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge on 28,000 acres in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. It would also add 5,000 acres to the existing Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. The project lands are being proposed for protection and management by the Service through fee title purchases from willing sellers. The management objectives of the two new refuges and the refuge expansion would be to (1) contribute to the Recovery Plan goals for the Louisiana black bear; (2) provide habitat for a diversity of other wildlife, including white-tailed deer, turkey, woodcock, wading birds, wood ducks, wintering waterfowl, and neotropical migratory birds; and (3) provide opportunities for compatible public use, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

Dated: August 7, 1998.

**Sam D. Hamilton,**

*Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-037-5700-00; WYN-26292]

**Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Wyoming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The following public lands in Carbon County, Wyoming have been examined and found suitable for classification and conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

**6th Principal Meridian**

T. 17 N., R. 83 W.,  
 Section 8, SW¼

The above land contains 160 acres.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marilyn Nickerson-Roth, Realty Specialist, Great Divide Resource Area, 1300 North 3rd St., Rawlins, Wyoming, 82301, (307) 328-4259.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance of this land to the Upper Platte River Solid Waste Disposal District for sanitary landfill purposes is consistent with the Great Divide Resource Management Plan and would be in the public interest.

The patent when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
  2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.
  3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
  4. Those rights for WYW-120214, WYW-142462.
- Conveyance of these land to Upper Platte River Solid Waste Disposal