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INTERIOR SCHEDULES HEARINGS ON WILDERNESS PROPOSALS FOR WISCONSIN AND NEW JERSEY WILDLIFE REFUGES

Public hearings regarding the possibility of including portions of two National Wildlife Refuges in New Jersey and Wisconsin in the National Wilderness Preservation System were announced today by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

A public hearing will begin at 9 a.m. February 17 in the Morris County Nature Education Center, Chatham Township, Morris County, New Jersey, on a proposal to place the 2,400-acre M. Hartley Dodge Unit of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in wilderness status. The unit occupies portions of Chatham, Harding, and Passaic Townships, all in Morris County.

The Bureau said a public hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. February 15 in Door County Court House, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, regarding the desirability of including the Wisconsin Islands Unit of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge in the Wilderness System. The unit consists of three Lake Michigan islands--Hog, Gravel, and Spider--totaling 29 acres in Door County.

A brochure regarding the New Jersey hearing can be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, 614 Meyersville Road, Gillette, New Jersey 07933, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, U. S. Postoffice and Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. Similar information regarding the Wisconsin Islands Unit can be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, Route 2, Mayville, Wisconsin 53050, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 1006 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408.

Notices regarding both hearings are being published in the Federal Register.

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