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## PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED ON WILDERNESS STUDY IN ARKANSAS

The Department of the Interior announced today that a public hearing to discuss results of a White River National Wildlife Refuge wilderness study is scheduled for May 25 in DeWitt, Arkansas.

White River Refuge, established in 1935, is located in the Arkansas counties of Desha, Monroe, Arkansas, and Phillips. It contains 112,399 acres of bottomland hardwoods, streams, lakes, agricultural fields, and river courses.

A brochure containing a map of refuge boundaries and information concerning the study may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, White River National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 308, DeWitt, Arkansas 72042, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Peachtree-Seventh Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30323.

The hearing will take place at 7 p.m. in DeWitt High School's Cafetorium, Highway 152 Bypass. Oral or written statements may be submitted at the hearing or written comments may be sent to the Regional Director by June 26, 1972, when the hearing record will be closed.

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