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WILDERNESS HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THREE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AREAS

Public hearings on wilderness recommendations for three national wildlife refuges will be held in separate locations in January and February, the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

Specific times, meeting locations, and the areas involved are:

I. Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Md. Hearing January 23, 9 a.m., at the Blackwater Visitor Center, Route 1, Cambridge, Md. A study summary containing a map and information on the Blackwater proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Route 1, Box 121, Cambridge, Md. 21613, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, John W. McCormack Post Office and Courthouse, Boston, Mass. 02109. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by February 25, 1974.

II. Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, Mont. Hearing January 11, 7:30 p.m., at Legion Room, City Hall, Malta, Mont. A study summary containing a map and information on the Bowdoin proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, Box J, Malta, Mont. 59538, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 10597 West Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 25483, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colo. 80225. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by February 11, 1974.

III. Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge, Wash. Hearing February 2, 9 a.m., at Ramada Inn, International Airport, Spokane, Wash. A study summary containing a map and information on the Little Pend Oreille proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge, Route 1, Colville, Wash. 99114, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1500 Plaza Building, 1500 N.E. Irving Street, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oreg. 97208. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by March 4, 1974.