

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT BURDEN STATEMENT

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NWRS Partner Survey

Introduction and Organizational Information

This survey is being conducted as part of an evaluation of the effectiveness of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS). The evaluation is being conducted by Management Systems International under contract to the NWRS.

All responses will be anonymous as the survey does not ask for the respondent's name or information that could identify an individual/organization. The answers you provide in this survey will be used, in combination with other information, to assess the effectiveness of various components of the NWRS. This information will also serve as a basis for developing recommendations to strengthen the Refuge System's performance.

This survey has been designed to be completed by representatives of Friends Groups, community-based organizations, and other organizations that support and partner with the Refuge System.

The survey will collect information on two general topic areas:

- 1) The quality of your organization's partnership with the NWRS, and
- 2) Your view as to the NWRS' effectiveness in achieving its objectives.

This survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions before you begin, please contact Dennis Marotta at dmarotta@msi-inc.com. Thank you very much.

- * 1. Please indicate the selection that best describes your organization below. (Note - questions that contain an asterisk (*) require an answer to be provided before you can proceed to the next question.)

- Friends Group
- National NGO - Headquarters or Regional Office
- National NGO - Local Branch Office
- Community-Based Organization (Non-Friends Group)
- Other

- * 2. Indicate in which of the Fish and Wildlife Service regions your office operates (check all that apply)?

- Region 1 - Pacific (GU, HI, ID, OR, WA)
- Region 2 - Southwest (AZ, NM, OK, TX)
- Region 3 - Midwest (IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI)
- Region 4 - Southeast (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN, VI)
- Region 5 - Northeast (CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NJ, NH, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV)
- Region 6 - Mountain-Prairie (CO, KS, MT, NE, ND, SD, UT, WY)
- Region 7 - Alaska
- Region 8 - California & Nevada
- Region 9 - Washington, DC

Quality of Partnership

We are interested in understanding more about the nature and quality of your organization's partnership with the NWRS. A number of the questions in this section include a space for you to include a narrative explanation of your immediately preceding close-ended responses. Please provide explanatory details as you find appropriate.

3. Please review the following list of specific areas of partnership. For those areas in which you have an active partnership with the Refuge System, provide a rating of the quality of the partnership. If you do not actively partner in a given area then you may select "N/A - We do not partner in this area."

	1 - Poor	2 - Fair	3 - Good	4 - Very Good	5 - Excellent	N/A - We do not partner in this area
Hunting	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Fishing	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Environmental Education and Interpretation	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Habitat Restoration (incl. invasive species management)	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Wildlife Inventory and Monitoring	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Fire Management	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Land Acquisition	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

You may use this space to comment on aspects of particular program partnerships.

4. Please summarize the overall quality of the working relationship between your organization and the National Wildlife Refuge System.

	1 - Poor	2 - Fair	3 - Good	4 - Very Good	5 - Excellent	N/A
Regional/Washington Office	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Individual Refuges	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

You may use this space to provide a brief explanation for your response.

5. You may use this space to provide general comments on your partnership with the Refuge System, including the best/most productive aspects of the relationship or the most challenging.

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Wildlife Inventory and Monitoring	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Fire Management	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Land Acquisition	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Comprehensive Conservation Planning	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Wilderness Management	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Law Enforcement	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

You may use this space to provide a brief explanation for your response.

Recommendations

Please provide up to two suggestions as to how the National Wildlife Refuge System could improve its partnership with your organization and/or improve its overall effectiveness.

8. You may use this space to provide your first suggestion.

9. You may use this space to provide your second suggestion.

Conclusion

Thank you for providing information regarding your organization's partnership with the National Wildlife Refuge System and your views on the Refuge System's performance. We appreciate you taking the time to share your experiences with us.