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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)
 - m 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

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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.

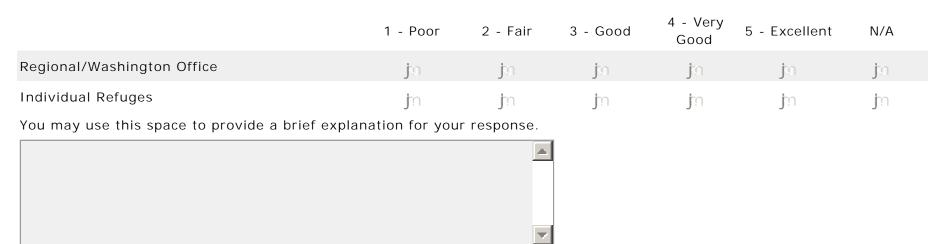
3. Please review the following list of specific areas of partnership. For those areas in which you have an active partnership with the Refuge System, provide a rating of the quality of the partnership. If you do not actively partner in a given area then you may select "N/A - We do not partner in this 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	j m
Fishing	jn	jn	j n	jn	jn	j m
Environmental Education and Interpretation	j o	jn	j o	j'n	ja	j m
Habitat Restoration (incl. invasive species management)	jn	j n	ĴΩ	jn	jn	j n
Wildlife Inventory and Monitoring	j n	j n	j o	j 'n	j o	j m
Fire Management	jn	jn	j n	j'n	j n	j m
Land Acquisition	jn	jn	jn	ja	jn	j a

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.



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.



NWRS Program Effectiveness

The NWRS has defined a set of long-term goals that cover its full range of program and management activities. In this section of the survey you will be asked to provide your viewpoint on the effectiveness of the NWRS in achieving these goals. Similar to the preceding section of the survey, please provide explanatory narratives if and when you feel it is helpful to do so.

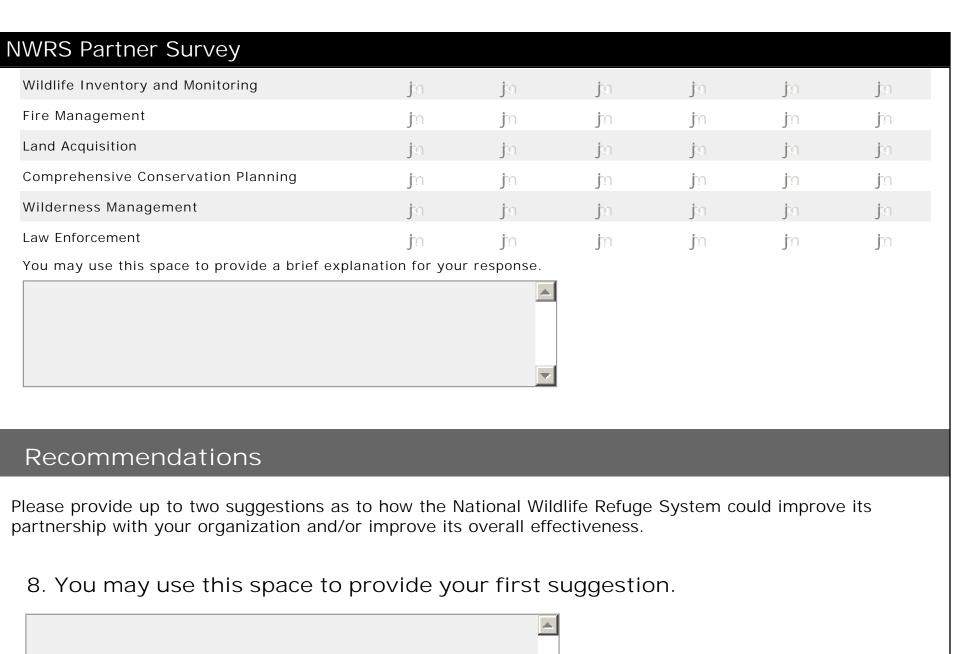
Each of your responses should be based on your knowledge of NWRS' work in a particular program area. If you do not have a familiarity of the Refuge System's work in a particular area you should not provide a rating as to their effectiveness for that area.

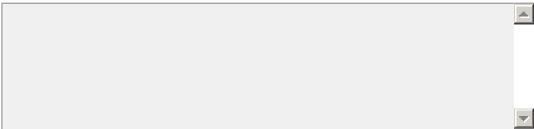
6. Rate the effectiveness of the Refuge System in achieving the following goals:

	1- Ineffective	2-Somewhat Ineffective	3-Moderately Effective	y 4-Very Effective	5-Extremely Effective	No Opinion/ N/A	
Conserve, manage and where appropriate, restore fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats to fulfill refuge purposes, trust resource responsibilities, and biological diversity/integrity.	j'n	jα	j'n	j n	j n	jn	
Provide quality wildlife-dependent recreation and education opportunities – opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation include wildlife observation, hunting, fishing, nature photography, interpretation and environmental education.	j'n	j n	j m	j 'n	j n	j m	
You may use this space to provide a brief explanation for your response.							
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7. For each program area listed below indicate which response best captures your judgment regarding the Refuge System's effectiveness. Answer only for those areas in which you have substantial knowledge of the Refuge System's program activities.

	1- Ineffective	2-Somewhat Ineffective	3-Moderate Effective	y 4-Very Effective	5-Extremely Effective	No Opinion/ N/A
Hunting	j m	j m	j m	j n	j m	jn
Fishing	j n	jn	jn	j n	jn	j n
Environmental Education and Interpretation	j m	jm	jm	j to	j so	j o
Habitat Management and Restoration	m	j m	jn	m	jn	'n





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.