Correction

On page 12060, we included a footnote providing the Department's interpretation of the core academic subject of science as including STEM education (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) which encompasses a wide range of disciplines. As an example of those disciplines, we intended to include computer science rather than science. To correct this error, the Department makes the following correction to the March 12 Final Rule:

On page 12060, in the third column, under the heading *Absolute Priority 3—Innovations That Complement the Implementation of High Standards and High-Quality Assessments,* in footnote number eight, in line six, "including science" is replaced with "including computer science."

Program Authority: Section 14007 of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law No. 111–5, as amended by section 307 of division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, Public Law 111–117.

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James H. Shelton III,

Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 64

[Docket ID FEMA–2010–0003; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–8125]

Suspension of Community Eligibility

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule identifies communities, where the sale of flood insurance has been authorized under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), that are scheduled for suspension on the effective dates listed within this rule because of noncompliance with the floodplain management requirements of the program. If the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) receives documentation that the community has adopted the required floodplain management measures prior to the effective suspension date given in this rule, the suspension will not occur and a notice of this will be provided by publication in the **Federal Register** on a subsequent date.

DATES: *Effective Dates:* The effective date of each community's scheduled suspension is the third date ("Susp.") listed in the third column of the following tables.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you want to determine whether a particular community was suspended on the suspension date or for further information, contact David Stearrett, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2953.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NFIP enables property owners to purchase flood insurance which is generally not otherwise available. In return, communities agree to adopt and administer local floodplain management aimed at protecting lives and new construction from future flooding. Section 1315 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4022, prohibits flood insurance coverage as authorized under the NFIP, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.;* unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective enforcement measures. The communities listed in this document no longer meet that statutory requirement for compliance with program regulations, 44 CFR part 59. Accordingly, the communities will be suspended on the effective date in the third column. As of that date, flood insurance will no longer be available in the community. However, some of these communities may adopt and submit the required documentation of legally enforceable floodplain management measures after this rule is published but prior to the actual suspension date. These communities will not be suspended and will continue their eligibility for the sale of insurance. A notice withdrawing the suspension of the communities will be published in the **Federal Register.**

In addition, FEMA has identified the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in these communities by publishing a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The date of the FIRM, if one has been published, is indicated in the fourth column of the table. No direct Federal financial assistance (except assistance pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act not in connection with a flood) may legally be provided for construction or acquisition of buildings in identified SFHAs for communities not participating in the NFIP and identified for more than a year, on FEMA's initial flood insurance map of the community as having flood-prone areas (section 202(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4106(a), as amended). This prohibition against certain types of Federal assistance becomes effective for the communities listed on the date shown in the last column. The Administrator finds that notice and public comment under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and unnecessary because communities listed in this final rule have been adequately notified.

Each community receives 6-month, 90-day, and 30-day notification letters addressed to the Chief Executive Officer stating that the community will be suspended unless the required floodplain management measures are met prior to the effective suspension date. Since these notifications were made, this final rule may take effect within less than 30 days.

National Environmental Policy Act. This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Considerations. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. The Administrator has determined that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4022,

prohibits flood insurance coverage unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective enforcement measures. The communities listed no longer comply with the statutory requirements, and after the effective date, flood insurance will no longer be available in the communities unless remedial action takes place.

Regulatory Classification. This final rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism. This rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule meets the applicable standards of Executive Order 12988.

Paperwork Reduction Act. This rule does not involve any collection of information for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 64

Flood insurance, Floodplains.

■ Accordingly, 44 CFR part 64 is amended as follows:

PART 64—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 64 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.;* Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp.; p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp.; p. 376.

§ 64.6 [Amended]

■ 2. The tables published under the authority of § 64.6 are amended as follows:

State and location	Community No.	Effective date authorization/cancellation of sale of flood insurance in community	Current effective map date	Date certain Federal assistance no longer available in SFHAs
Region I				
New Hampshire:				
Allenstown, Town of, Merrimack County	330103	September 3, 1975, Emerg; April 2, 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	4/19/2010	4/19/2010
Andover, Town of, Merrimack County	330104	May 12, 1976, Emerg; April 2, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Boscawen, Town of, Merrimack County	330105	October 14, 1976, Emerg; July 16, 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Bow, Town of, Merrimack County	330107	June 18, 1975, Emerg; April 16, 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Bradford, Town of, Merrimack County	330106	August 12, 1975, Emerg; April 15, 1992, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Canterbury, Town of, Merrimack County	330108	June 10, 1975, Emerg; May 15 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Chichester, Town of, Merrimack County	330109	N/A, Emerg; May 14, 2004, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Concord, City of, Merrimack County	330110	July 17, 1974, Emerg; March 4, 1980, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Danbury, Town of, Merrimack County	330111	April 23, 2001, Emerg; January 1, 2003, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Dunbarton, Town of, Merrimack County	330202	May 1, 2000, Emerg; March 28, 2001, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Epsom, Town of, Merrimack County	330112	November 11, 1976, Emerg; July 3, 1978, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Franklin, City of, Merrimack County	330113	July 21, 1975, Emerg; September 28, 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Henniker, Town of, Merrimack County	330114	March 14, 1979, Emerg; March 14, 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Hill, Town of, Merrimack County	330214	November 29, 1976, Emerg; April 2, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Hooksett, Town of, Merrimack County	330115	November 10, 1975, Emerg; April 2, 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Hopkinton, Town of, Merrimack County	330116	June 27, 1975, Emerg; May 17, 1988, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Loudon, Town of, Merrimack County	330117	April 2, 2004, Emerg; August 1, 2004, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
New London, Town of, Merrimack County.	330230	November 17, 1975, Emerg; July 16, 1991, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Newbury, Town of, Merrimack County	330226	August 17, 1976, Emerg; April 2, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Northfield, Town of, Merrimack County	330118	October 14, 1975, Emerg; June 15, 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Pembroke, Town of, Merrimack County	330119	July 24, 1975, Emerg; April 2, 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Pittsfield, Town of, Merrimack County	330120	January 27, 1976, Emerg; July 3, 1978, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Salisbury, Town of, Merrimack County	330121	June 8, 1976, Emerg; April 15, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.
Sutton, Town of, Merrimack County	330122	March 1, 1976, Emerg; May 17, 1977, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	do	Do.

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Warner, Town of, Merrimack County	330123	August 11, 1975, Emerg; June 4, 1987, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Webster, Town of, Merrimack County	330236	February 25, 1976, Emerg; April 15, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Wilmot, Town of, Merrimack County	330124	May 29, 1984, Emerg; April 1, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Region III				
West Virginia:				
Bethany, Town of, Brooke County	540012	July 16, 1975, Emerg; September 28, 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Braxton County, Unincorporated Areas	540009	December 29, 1975, Emerg; March 18, 1991, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Brooke County, Unincorporated Areas	540011	October 28, 1975, Emerg; December 15, 1983, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Chester, City of, Hancock County	540048	June 23, 1975, Emerg; December 1, 1982, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Flatwoods, Town of, Braxton County	540235	July 3, 1975, Emerg; September 29, 1978, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Follansbee, City of, Brooke County	540013	July 16, 1975, Emerg; September 30, 1982, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Gassaway, Town of, Braxton County	540237	March 21, 1975, Emerg; September 10, 1984, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Hancock County, Unincorporated Areas	540047	August 21, 1975, Emerg; June 15, 1984, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Jane Lew, Town of, Lewis County	540086	March 7, 1975, Emerg; September 24, 1984, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Lewis County, Unincorporated Areas	540085	January 25, 1977, Emerg; July 1, 1987, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
New Cumberland, City of, Hancock County.	540049	May 21, 1975, Emerg; May 15, 1980, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Sutton, Town of, Braxton County	540236	June 5, 1975, Emerg; September 10, 1984, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Weirton, City of, Brooke and Hancock Counties.	540014	March 20, 1975, Emerg; September 28, 1979, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Wellsburg, City of, Brooke County	540015	December 18, 1974, Emerg; November 17, 1982, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Weston, City of, Lewis County	540087	November 1, 1974, Emerg; April 15, 1982, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Region IV				
Alabama:				
Pine Hill, Town of, Wilcox County	010397	June 6, 2005, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Wilcox County, Unincorporated Areas	010327	February 21, 1979, Emerg; May 1, 1987, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Mississippi:				
Claiborne County, Unincorporated Areas.	280201	February 14, 1974, Emerg; May 1, 1978, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Crosby, Town of, Wilkinson County	280003	December 17, 1974, Emerg; February 1, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Port Gibson, Town of, Claiborne County	280033	April 16, 1975, Emerg; June 15, 1978, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Wilkinson County, Unincorporated Areas.	280202	February 15, 1974, Emerg; July 16, 1990, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
North Carolina:				
Bryson City, Town of, Swain County	370228	March 25, 1975, Emerg; December 4, 1984, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Dillsboro, Town of, Jackson County	370136	July 23, 1975, Emerg; May 15, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain Counties.	370401	May 4, 1977, Emerg; May 17, 1989, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Jackson County, Unincorporated Areas	370282	August 5, 1975, Emerg; May 17, 1989, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Sylva, Town of, Jackson County	370137	July 28, 1975, Emerg; July 3, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Swain County, Unincorporated Areas	370227	February 3, 1980, Emerg; July 17, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Webster, Town of, Jackson County	370281	December 29, 2005, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.

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Tennessee:				
Alexandria, City of, Dekalb County	470042	May 23, 1975, Emerg; June 17, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Decatur County, Unincorporated Areas	470041	December 2, 1985, Emerg; September 1, 1987, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Dowelltown, City of, Dekalb County	470043	May 22, 1975, Emerg; August 19, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Jackson County, Unincorporated Areas	470370	November 26, 1982, Emerg; September 4, 1985, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Liberty, City of, Dekalb County	470044	May 23, 1975, Emerg; September 4, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Parsons, Town of, Decatur County	470316	April 28, 1992, Emerg; November 1, 2006, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Van Buren County, Unincorporated Areas.	470342	July 14, 2005, Emerg; June 1, 2008, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Region V				
Illinois:				
Alexis, Village of, Mercer and Warren Counties.	170674	May 9, 1975, Emerg; July 2, 1987, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Keithsburg, City of, Mercer County	170508	May 23, 1975, Emerg; September 15, 1983, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Mercer County, Unincorporated Areas	170806	April 8, 1974, Emerg; January 3, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Reynolds, Village of, Mercer and Rock Island Counties.	170883	March 24, 1998, Emerg; October 18, 2002, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Seaton, Village of, Mercer County	170881	August 13, 1975, Emerg; August 19, 1985, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Michigan:				
Algansee, Township of, Branch County	260994	June 19, 1997, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Coldwater, City of, Branch County	260813	February 10, 1989, Emerg; August 16, 1996, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Coldwater, Township of, Branch County	260826	September 26, 1989, Emerg; August 16, 1996, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Girard, Township of, Branch County	261044	January 16, 2001, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Kinderhook, Township of, Branch County.	260361	June 19, 1997, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Matteson, Township of, Branch County	260911	December 21, 1993, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Ovid, Township of, Branch County	260362	June 30, 1997, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Quincy, Township of, Branch County	260997	July 25, 1997, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Sherwood, Township of, Branch County	261020	April 2, 1998, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Union, Township of, Branch County	261016	January 15, 1998, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Wisconsin:				
Beaver Dam, City of, Dodge County	550095	May 16, 1975, Emerg; April 3, 1984, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Brownsville, Village of, Dodge County	550096	April 2, 1975, Emerg; January 3, 1985, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Columbus, City of, Columbus and Dodge Counties.	550058	October 7, 1974, Emerg; December 1, 1981, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Fox Lake, City of, Dodge County	550097	August 1, 1975, Emerg; March 16, 1981, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Hartford, City of, Dodge and Washington Counties.	550473	April 17, 1975, Emerg; December 4, 1984, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Horicon, City of, Dodge County	550098	July 7, 1975, Emerg; August 15, 1980, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Hustisford, Village of, Dodge County	550557	July 25, 1975, Emerg; August 15, 1980, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Mayville, City of, Dodge County	550103	July 21, 1975, Emerg; June 1, 1981, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Neosho, Village of, Dodge County	550104	June 9, 1975, Emerg; June 15, 1988, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Theresa, Village of, Dodge County	550106	August 21, 1975, Emerg; July 16, 1980, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.

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Watertown, City of, Dodge and Jefferson Counties.	550107	May 23, 1975, Emerg; April 1, 1981, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Waupun, City of, Dodge and Fond du Lac Counties.	550108	January 21, 1975, Emerg; August 15, 1984, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Region VI				
Oklahoma:				
Ardmore, City of, Carter County	400031	March 5, 1975, Emerg; January 6, 1982, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Gene Autry, Town of, Carter County	400032	September 30, 1999, Emerg; November 1, 2007, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Healdton, City of, Carter County	400033	September 2, 1975, Emerg; January 3, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Lone Grove, Town of, Carter County	400395	January 26, 1978, Emerg; March 16, 1989, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Wilson, City of, Carter County	400035	June 20, 1975, Emerg; July 3, 1985, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Texas:				
La Grulla, City of, Starr County	480576	December 26, 1975, Emerg; January 3, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Rio Grande City, City of, Starr County ..	481678	N/A, Emerg; October 22, 1997, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Roma, City of, Starr County	480577	November 20, 1995, Emerg; November 1, 2007, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Starr County, Unincorporated Areas	480575	November 6, 1970, Emerg; July 1, 1987, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Region VII				
Missouri:				
Annada, Village of, Pike County	290287	August 17, 1979, Emerg; November 19, 1986, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Bowling Green, City of, Pike County	290288	February 12, 1974, Emerg; May 2, 1977, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Clarksville, City of, Pike County	290289	December 26, 1973, Emerg; April 1, 1977, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Louisiana, City of, Pike County	290290	February 1, 1974, Emerg; April 3, 1978, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Pike County, Unincorporated Areas	290286	April 29, 1981, Emerg; May 1, 1989, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Buffalo, City of, Dallas County	290739	N/A, Emerg; November 14, 2007, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Urbana, City of, Dallas County	290514	January 15, 2008, Emerg; April 19, 2010, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Nebraska:				
Columbus, City of, Platte County	315272	May 21, 1971, Emerg; June 29, 1973, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Duncan, Village of, Platte County	310272	June 22, 1995, Emerg; October 1, 2001, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Lindsay, Village of, Platte County	310177	December 15, 1976, Emerg; September 4, 1987, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Platte Center, Village of, Platte County	310178	March 29, 1975, Emerg; January 30, 1990, Reg; April 19, 2010, Susp.	.....do	Do.

* do = Ditto.
Code for reading third column: Emerg.—Emergency; Reg.—Regular; Susp.—Suspension.

Dated: March 31, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 32

[Docket No. FWS-R9-NSR-2009-0023] [93270-1265-0000-4A]

RIN 1018-AW49

2009–2010 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations–Additions

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service adds two refuges to the list of areas open for hunting and/or sport fishing programs and increases the activities available at eight other refuges for the 2009–2010 season. One refuge will see a decrease in activities and another refuge will see no net change in activities for the 2009–2010 season.

DATES: This rule is effective April 12, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie A. Marler, (703) 358-2397; Fax (703) 358-2248.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 closes national wildlife refuges in all States except Alaska to all uses until opened. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) may open refuge areas to any use, including hunting and/or sport fishing, upon a determination that such uses are compatible with the purposes of the refuge and National Wildlife Refuge System (Refuge System or our/we) mission. The action also must be in accordance with provisions of all laws applicable to the areas, developed in coordination with the appropriate State fish and wildlife agency(ies), consistent with the principles of sound fish and wildlife management and administration, and otherwise in the public interest. These requirements ensure that we maintain the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health of the Refuge System for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

We annually review refuge hunting and sport fishing programs to determine whether to include additional refuges or whether individual refuge regulations governing existing programs need modifications. Changing environmental conditions, State and Federal regulations, and other factors affecting fish and wildlife populations and habitat may warrant modifications to refuge-specific regulations to ensure the continued compatibility of hunting and sport fishing programs and to ensure that these programs will not materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of refuge purposes or the Refuge System's mission.

Provisions governing hunting and sport fishing on refuges are in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 32 (50 CFR part 32). We regulate hunting and sport fishing on refuges to:

- Ensure compatibility with refuge purpose(s);
- Properly manage the fish and wildlife resource(s);
- Protect other refuge values;
- Ensure refuge visitor safety; and
- Provide opportunities for quality fish- and wildlife-dependent recreation.

On many refuges where we decide to allow hunting and sport fishing, our general policy of adopting regulations identical to State hunting and sport fishing regulations is adequate in meeting these objectives. On other refuges, we must supplement State regulations with more-restrictive Federal regulations to ensure that we meet our management responsibilities, as outlined in the "Statutory Authority" section. We issue refuge-specific hunting and sport fishing regulations when we open wildlife refuges to migratory game bird hunting, upland game hunting, big game hunting, or sport fishing. These regulations list the wildlife species that you may hunt or fish, seasons, bag or creel (container for carrying fish) limits, methods of hunting or sport fishing, descriptions of areas open to hunting or sport fishing, and other provisions as appropriate. You may find previously issued refuge-specific regulations for hunting and sport fishing in 50 CFR part 32. In this rulemaking, we are also standardizing and clarifying the language of existing regulations.

Plain Language Mandate

In this rule we made some of the revisions to the individual refuge units to comply with a Presidential mandate to use plain language in regulations; as such, these particular revisions do not modify the substance of the previous regulations. These types of changes include using "you" to refer to the reader and "we" to refer to the Refuge System, using the word "allow" instead of "permit" when we do not require the use of a permit for an activity, and using active voice (i.e., "We restrict entry into the refuge" vs. "Entry into the refuge is restricted").

Statutory Authority

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 [Improvement Act]) (Administration Act), and the Refuge Recreation Act of 1962 (16 U.S.C. 460k–460k-4) (Recreation Act) govern the administration and public use of refuges.

Amendments enacted by the Improvement Act, which built upon the Administration Act in a manner that provides an "organic act" for the Refuge System, are similar to those that exist for other public Federal lands. The Improvement Act serves to ensure that we effectively manage the Refuge System as a national network of lands, waters, and interests for the protection and conservation of our Nation's wildlife resources. The Administration Act states first and foremost that we focus our Refuge System mission on conservation of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats. The Improvement Act requires the Secretary, before allowing a new use of a refuge, or before expanding, renewing, or extending an existing use of a refuge, to determine that the use is compatible with the purpose for which the refuge was established and the mission of the Refuge System. The Improvement Act established as the policy of the United States that wildlife-dependent recreation, when compatible, is a legitimate and appropriate public use of the Refuge System, through which the American public can develop an appreciation for fish and wildlife. The Improvement Act established six wildlife-dependent recreational uses as the priority general public uses of the Refuge System. These uses are: hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

The Recreation Act authorizes the Secretary to administer areas within the Refuge System for public recreation as an appropriate incidental or secondary use only to the extent that doing so is practicable and not inconsistent with the primary purpose(s) for which Congress and the Service established the areas. The Recreation Act requires that any recreational use of refuge lands be compatible with the primary purpose(s) for which we established the refuge and