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WICHITA MOUNTAINS WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLAN (CCP) OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED

The Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is starting development of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Refuge. When finalized the CCP will serve as a guide for managing the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge over the next 15 years.

The first step in this planning process is to invite the public to identify issues and concerns that should be considered during development of the CCP. The Refuge will hold a series of public open houses to give individuals an opportunity to submit comments, ask questions, express ideas, and talk to Refuge employees. Everyone is invited to attend and may come to any or all that they choose. The four open houses are scheduled as follows:

January 22, 2009 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Medicine Park, Oklahoma Old Plantation Restaurant
January 27, 2009 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Lawton, Oklahoma Cameron University Science Complex
January 29, 2009 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Saddle Mountain, Oklahoma Saddle Mountain Community Center
February 3, 2009 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Cache, Oklahoma Cache Senior Center

Please contact the Refuge if you need further information. If you would like to participate in the process but cannot attend an open house, please visit the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge website for information about submitting comments, or simply send comments by March 5, 2009 to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, 32 Refuge Headquarters, Indianola, OK 73552.

The Refuge is working in partnership with the City of Medicine Park, the owners of the Old Plantation Restaurant, Paul Fisher, the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society of Cameron University, the community of Saddle Mountain, the Saddle Mountain Fire Association, the Cache Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Cache to conduct these public open houses.

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