

available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or homes addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Act and the regulations for implementing NEPA, as amended (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of NEPA regulations and section 10(a) of the Act. If we determine that those requirements are met, we will issue an amended permit to the Green Diamond. We will make our final permit decision no sooner than 60 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: February 20, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Multistate Conservation Grant Program; Priority List for Conservation Projects

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of priority list.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), announce the FY 2007 priority list of wildlife and sport fish conservation projects from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA). As required by the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, each year AFWA submits a list of projects to us for consideration of funding by the Multistate Conservation Grant Program. We then review and award grants from this list.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (Improvement Act, Pub. L. 106-408) amended the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 *et seq.*) and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 *et seq.*) and established the Multistate Conservation Grant Program. The Improvement Act authorizes us to award grants of up to \$3 million annually from funds available under each of the Restoration Acts, for a total of up to \$6 million annually. We may award grants from a list of priority projects recommended to us by AFWA. The FWS Director, exercising the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, need not fund all AFWA-recommended projects, but may fund recommended projects on the list only.

Grantees under this program may use funds for sport fisheries and wildlife management and research projects, boating access development, hunter safety and education, aquatic education, fish and wildlife habitat improvements and other purposes consistent with the enabling legislation.

To be eligible for funding, a project must benefit fish and/or wildlife conservation in at least 26 States, or in a majority of the States in any one FWS region, or it must benefit a regional association of State fish and wildlife agencies. We may award grants to a State, a group of States, or one or more nongovernmental organizations. For the purpose of carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, we may award grants to the FWS, if requested by AFWA, or to a State or a group of States. Also, AFWA requires all project proposals to address its National Conservation Needs, which are announced annually by AFWA at the same time as its request for proposals. Further, applicants must provide certification that no activities conducted under a Multistate Conservation Grant will promote or encourage opposition to the regulated hunting or trapping of wildlife or to the regulated angling for or taking of fish.

Eligible project proposals are reviewed and ranked by AFWA Committees and interested nongovernmental organizations that represent conservation organizations, sportsmen's organizations, and industries that support or promote fishing, hunting, trapping, recreational shooting, bow hunting, or archery. AFWA's Committee on National Grants recommends a final list of priority projects to the directors of State fish and wildlife agencies for their approval by majority vote. By statute, AFWA then must transmit the final, approved list to the FWS for funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program by October 1.

This year, we received a list of 11 recommended projects. They are recommended for funding in 2007, contingent on the Multistate Conservation Grant Program receiving additional funds as specified in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-059) passed in August 2005. AFWA's recommended list follows:

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2007 AFWA Recommended Multistate Conservation Grant List

ID	Project Title	Submitter	WR/SFR	2007		2008		2009		Total Grant Request
				WR	SFR	WR	SFR	WR	SFR	
07-003	Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow: Exposing University Wildlife and Other Natural Resource Students to Hunting and the Hunter's Role in Conservation	Wildlife Management Institute	100% WR	32,000	0	90,000	0	90,000	0	212,000
07-004	Property Tax Incentives for Access to Private Lands	Wildlife Management Institute	75/25	19,687.50	6,562.50	57,675	19,225	45,975	15,325	164,450
07-005	Hunting Heritage Action Plan	Wildlife Management Institute	100% WR	20,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	220,000
07-007	Economic Impacts of Hunting (2006)	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	100% WR	63,910	0	0	0	0	0	63,910
07-008	Evaluation of Methodologies for the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	50/50	39,600	39,600	3,300	3,300	0	0	85,800
07-009	The Trailblazer Adventure Program	U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation	50/50	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	0	0	320,000
07-010	Economic Impacts of Sportfishing, 2006	American Sportfishing Association	100% SFR	0	69,551	0	0	0	0	69,551
07-013	Best Practices in Hunting and Shooting Sports Recruitment & Retention	National Shooting Sports Foundation	100% WR	75,200	0	140,400	0	0	0	215,600
07-015	National Hunting & Fishing Day Initiative	Wonders of Wildlife	50/50	33,000	33,000	34,375	34,375	0	0	134,750
07-021	Disease Training for Wildlife Biologists	University of Georgia	100% WR	51,762	0	195,956	0	197,422	0	445,140
07-022	National Youth Partnerships: Building on the Success of Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs®	Future Fisherman Foundation	100% SFR	0	60,000	0	0	0	0	60,000
SFR=Sport Fish Restoration WR=Wildlife Restoration				\$415,159.50	\$288,713.50	\$701,706.00	\$136,900.00	\$433,397.00	\$15,325.00	\$1,991,201.00