

Income Populations, requires all Federal agencies to incorporate environmental justice into their missions by identifying and addressing disproportionately high or adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs and policies on minorities and low-income populations and communities.	identified no minority or low-income communities within the impact area. Minority or low income communities will not be disproportionately affected by any impacts from this preferred action or any of the alternatives.
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Cumulative Impact Analysis

Cumulative impacts are defined as “the impact on the environment which results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency (Federal or non-Federal) or person undertakes such other actions” (40 CFR 1508.7).

For more information on the national cumulative impacts of the Service’s hunting and fishing program on the National Wildlife Refuge System, see 2020-21 Cumulative Impacts Report.

No cumulative impacts are not anticipated; however, plants and wildlife will be monitored by Refuge staff and Georgia DNR staff to ensure that no significant damage will occur in public use areas. Hunting conducted in accordance with State and federal regulations is not expected to adversely affect wildlife populations that occur on the refuge and likely assists in maintaining the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health of the refuge. Hunting is a closely monitored tool that effectively regulates wildlife populations.

Table 6. Anticipated Cumulative Impacts

Other Past, Present, and Reasonably Foreseeable Activity Impacting Affected Environment	Descriptions of Anticipated Cumulative Impacts
<p>Hunting</p> <p>Hunting has not been allowed on Banks Lake NWR previously. As surveys from Georgia DNR became available, we are evaluating alligator hunting on the refuge per State regulations.</p>	<p>Alternative A: The preferred action will have no impacts on the environment or other hunting opportunities locally, regionally or nationally, as there is no increased opportunity.</p> <p>Alternative B: The preferred action will have minor impacts on the environment of other hunting opportunities locally, regionally, or at the national level. The Service does not believe that increasing hunting opportunities on our land will</p>