

integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007).

- X I. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112).
  
- X m. Have material adverse effects on resources requiring compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?

Permits/Approvals.

Section 7 ESA Consultations 12.19.24

Endangered Species Act, Section 7 Consultation, 12.19.24

Executive Order 11988/11990, Floodplain Management/Protection of Wetlands, 12.19.24

National Historic Preservation Act, Protection of Cultural Resources, Consultation will occur before acquiring lands.

Public Involvement/Interagency Coordination.

During the 55-day public scoping period, which included an in-person public meeting and a virtual meeting, the public submitted approximately 30,000 comments including individuals from 36 countries and all 50 states including Washington D.C., Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Comments received represented approximately 40 non-governmental organizations, one Tribal Nation, seven government officials, and the general public. Overall, comments were in general support of the proposal. Some concerns and issues raised during the public scoping period included eminent domain, the Service not meeting the goals of the proposal, tax loss concerns, and the desire to include more lands to the proposal including all of Trail Ridge.

Supporting Documents.

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2006. *Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan*. U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region. 354 pp. <https://ecos.fws.gov/ServCat/DownloadFile/1508>