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## DRAFT MASTER PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMPLETED FOR FELSENTHAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ARKANSAS

The draft Master Plan/Environmental Assessment (MP/EA) for Felsenthal National Wildlife has been completed and was released on September 25, 1986 for public review and comment. Comments from anyone interested in Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge are invited and encouraged. After a 45-day public comment period the final MP/EA will be prepared.

Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge was established on August 12, 1975, as an enhancement project of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Ouachita and Black River's Navigation Project. The refuge encompasses 65,000 acres in Ashley, Union, and Bradley counties in southeast Arkansas, lying fifty-three miles west of the Mississippi River, three miles north of the Louisiana border and eight miles west of Crossett, Arkansas. This Master Plan/Environmental Assessment describes three alternatives for managing Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge and the effects of implementing each. The management alternative preferred by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is identified and the criteria used in its selection are presented.

Complete draft copies of the plan have been sent to the following facilities and are available for review by the public.

### National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs)

Big Lake NWR, Manila, Arkansas  
Felsenthal NWR, Crossett, Arkansas  
Holla Bend NWR, Russellville, Arkansas  
Wapanocca NWR, Turrell, Arkansas  
White River NWR, De Witt, Arkansas  
D'Arbonne NWR, Monroe, Louisiana

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Ecological Services, Vicksburg, Mississippi  
Endangered Species, Jackson, Mississippi  
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C.

Local Public Facilities

Crossett Chamber of Commerce, Crossett, Arkansas  
Union County Courthouse, El Dorado, Arkansas  
Bradley County Courthouse, Warren, Arkansas

In order to be considered in the preparation of the final plan, comments must be received no later than November 7, 1986. Comments, requests for copies of the draft MP/EA, or requests for further information should be directed to Refuge Manager, Falsenthal National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1157, Crossett, Arkansas 71635, telephone number (501) 364-3167.

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