

a voice-mail message in lieu of providing notice in a local newspaper of general circulation. I understand that this waiver is in effect for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date of HUD approval.

**K. 24 CFR 982.503(C) (HUD APPROVAL OF EXCEPTION PAYMENT STANDARD AMOUNT).** (Housing Voucher Management and Operations)

My agency requests to establish an exception payment standard amount that is higher than 110 percent of the published fair market rent (FMR). I have attached our proposed emergency exception payment standard schedule, which shows both the dollar amounts requested and those amounts as a percentage of the FMRs in effect at the time of the request. I understand that any approved exception payment standard will remain in effect until such time as HUD revises the FMRs for the area. I also understand that increased per-family costs resulting from the use of such exception payment standard may result in a reduction in the number of families assisted or may require my agency to adopt other cost-saving measures.

**L. 24 CFR 982.401(D) (HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS; SPACE AND SECURITY).** (Housing Voucher Management and

Operations)

My agency requests a waiver of 24 CFR 982.401(d) so that we may allow families to occupy units that are smaller than our occupancy standards would otherwise dictate. I understand that this waiver is in effect only for HAPs entered into during the 12-month period following the date of HUD approval, and then only with the written consent of the family.

**M. 24 CFR 982.633(A) (OCCUPANCY OF HOME).** (Housing Voucher Management and Operations)

My agency requests a waiver of 24 CFR 982.633(a) so that we may continue HAP for homeownership for families displaced from their homes if needed to comply with mortgage terms or make necessary repairs. We have determined that the family is not receiving assistance from another source. I understand that such payments must cease if the family remains absent from their home for more than 180 consecutive calendar days.

**N. 24 CFR 984.303(D) (CONTRACT OF PARTICIPATION; CONTRACT EXTENSION).** (Public Housing Management and Occupancy; Housing Voucher Management and Operations)

My agency requests a waiver of 24 CFR 984.303(d) so that a family's contract of

participation may be extended for up to 3 years. I understand that such extensions may be made only during the 12-month period following the date of HUD approval.

**O. 24 CFR 985.101(A) (SECTION 8 MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SEMAP)).** (Housing Voucher Management and Operations)

My agency requests a waiver of 24 CFR 985.101(a) so that our SEMAP score from the previous year may be carried over. My agency has a fiscal year end of 9/30/16, 12/31/16, or 3/31/17.

**P. NOTICE PIH 2012-10, SECTION 8(C) (VERIFICATION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)) (REAC)**

My agency requests a waiver of section 8(c) of Notice PIH 2012-10 to allow for the submission of Form HUD-50058 90 calendars days from receipt of an applicant's or participant's SSN documentation. I understand that this waiver will be in effect for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date of HUD approval.

**Q. WAIVERS NOT IDENTIFIED IN FR-5987-N-01.**

My agency seeks waivers of the HUD requirements listed below. I have included documentation justifying the need for the waivers.

Regulation	Description
Example: 24 CFR 982.54 ....	Example: A waiver of this regulation will facilitate our agency's capacity to participate in relief and recovery efforts by. . .

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5982-D-01]

**Delegation of Authority for the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HUD.  
**ACTION:** Notice of Delegation of Authority.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) is authorized to develop, demonstrate, and promote measures to correct lead-based paint-related health and safety hazards in the home environment that affect children, particularly of low-income families. In this notice, the Secretary delegates to the Director of OLHCHH, all

authority pursuant to the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, and authorizing legislation pertaining to lead hazard control and healthy homes contained within annual appropriations acts, for matters pertaining to lead hazard control and healthy homes. This includes oversight and enforcement of the Lead Disclosure Rule as well as oversight of the Lead Safe Housing Rule for all HUD programs and enforcement of the Lead Safe Housing Rule for Multifamily Housing programs, the Single Family Asset Management program, and Public and Indian Housing (PIH) programs. PIH enforcement actions include coordination with the appropriate PIH field office.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 28, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Griego, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, OLHCHH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 500 Gold Avenue SW., Suite 7301, P.O. Box 906, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0906, telephone number (505) 346-6462 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OLHCHH was created by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-139, October 28, 1991). Under the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, OLHCHH is authorized to develop, demonstrate, and promote measures to correct lead-based paint related health and safety hazards in the home environment that affect children, particularly of low-income families.

Today's delegation also supersedes all prior delegations of authority for OLHCHH.

### Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary hereby delegates to the Director of OLHCHH, all authority of the Secretary pursuant to the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4821 *et seq.*), the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851 *et seq.*), sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 and 1701z-2), and authorizing legislation pertaining to lead hazard control and/or healthy homes contained within annual appropriations acts for matters pertaining to lead hazard control and healthy homes. This includes the oversight and enforcement of the Lead Disclosure Rule and the oversight of the Lead Safe Housing Rule (24 CFR part 35, subparts A through R) for all HUD programs and enforcement of the Lead Safe Housing Rule for Multifamily Housing programs, the Single Family Asset Management program, and PIH programs. PIH enforcement actions include coordination with the appropriate PIH field office. The Director of OLHCHH also has responsibility for ensuring compliance, within assistance programs administered by OLHCHH, with relevant environmental requirements described in 24 CFR part 50, and with HUD responsibilities under 24 CFR part 58 in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Related Laws and Authorities, See, 81 FR 66075, September 26, 2016.

### Section B. Authority Excepted

The authority delegated in this document does not include the authority to sue or be sued or to issue or waive regulations.

### Section C. Authority To Redelegate

The Secretary authorizes the Director of OLHCHH to redelegate the authority described in Section A.

### Section D. Authority Superseded

This delegation supersedes all previous delegations of authority to OLHCHH. The Secretary may revoke the authority authorized herein, in whole or part, at any time.

**Authority:** Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: November 28, 2016.

**Julián Castro,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R3-R-2016-N134; FXRS1261030000-178-FF03R02000]**

### Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, Polk County, Minnesota; Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Environmental Assessment, and Finding of No Significant Impact

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a final comprehensive conservation plan (CCP), environmental assessment (EA), and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge (refuge, NWR). In this final CCP we describe how we propose to manage the refuge for the next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** You will find the final CCP, a summary of the final CCP, and the EA/FONSI on the planning Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/GlacialRidge/index.html>. A limited number of hard copies and CD-ROMs are available. You may request one by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** [r3planning@fws.gov](mailto:r3planning@fws.gov). Include "Glacial Ridge Final CCP/EA" in the subject line of the message.

- **U.S. Mail:** Attention: Refuge Manager, Glacial Ridge NWR, 17788 349th St. SE., Erskine, MN 56535.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gregg Knutsen, 218-687-2229 x16.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Introduction

With this notice, we complete the CCP process for Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, which we began by publishing a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 3909) on January 17, 2013. For more about the initial process and the history of this refuge, see that notice. We released the draft CCP and EA to the public, announcing and requesting comments in a notice of availability (81 FR 31655) on May 19, 2016. The 42-day comment period ended on June 20, 2016. A summary of public comments and the agency responses are included in the final CCP.

### Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Administration Act), requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Each unit of the NWRS was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the NWRS mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

### Additional Information

The final CCP/EA may be found at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/glacialridge/index.html>. The document incorporates an EA and FONSI, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (43 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). The CCP/EA includes detailed information about the planning process, refuge, issues, and management alternatives considered and proposed. The EA includes discussions of three alternative refuge management options. The Service's preferred alternative is reflected in the final CCP.

The selected alternative for Glacial Ridge NWR includes refuge management actions that approximate ecological processes that maintained native habitats prior to European