



The Blue Goose Alliance Has A Dream!

We see . . .

. . . a new, independent agency within the Department of the Interior called the National Wildlife Refuge Service. It has taken its rightful place alongside the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management, the two other land management agencies within the Interior Department.

. . . an agency that plans its own budget requests, receives its own budget appropriations, and administers its own operating budgets. It receives consideration by Congress equal to the other Federal land management agencies by submitting its own budget justifications for allocation of available funding and manpower.

. . . an agency of high integrity, strong esprit de corps, and good morale. It is led by competent and experienced managers at all levels who have had quality training in all the important disciplines of land management which must work together to deliver effective, legally mandated land management.

. . . an agency led by a Refuge Chief, a career professional who has risen through the ranks of National Wildlife Refuge Service and served in responsible positions that have provided experience and insight for directing a vibrant, modern, efficient, and streamlined organization that effectively performs its mission. We see an agency with a strong, demonstrated, and continuing commitment to train and equip its leadership for operational excellence, both for the present and future.

. . . an agency which attracts the best qualified young professionals because it is led by managers who maintain high employee morale through sound leadership, participative management, fair personnel practices, and demonstrated concern for the welfare of all its employees.

. . . a stable organization with a legislatively specified structure that operates as a simplified, direct line management organization, with only three supervisory decision points: Refuge Chief, Regional Manager, and Refuge Manager.

. . . an agency that is adequately staffed and funded to handle all aspects of its own administration, management and maintenance, one that is not compelled to compete with non-refuge priorities for needed support services. It is equipped to deal with all its own needs, including, personnel management, property management, procurement, engineering, realty services, public affairs, forest management, agricultural management, environmental education, public use management, and legal services.

. . . an agency that is recognized internationally for its careful stewardship of the most extensive network of outstanding fish and wildlife habitats in the world. We see an agency which provides effective and efficient administration for all 540 national wildlife refuges and 3,000-plus waterfowl production areas, and all other lands and waters entrusted to its care, including all designated wilderness, wild or scenic rivers, research natural areas, natural landmarks, historical sites, cultural resources, and other land and water habitats and natural resources thereon.

The National Wildlife Refuge System cannot realize this dream as a component of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, an agency encumbered by numerous other responsibilities and priorities. It can become reality only when an act of Congress creates a bright, new, and stand-alone agency -- The National Wildlife Refuge Service.

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