

Kentucky Audubon's Caws

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Driving Directions to Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative: Traveling from Eastern and Central Kentucky on I-65 take exit 91 to Western Kentucky Parkway then 1/3 mile to Exit 136.

Those traveling from Western Kentucky on the Western Kentucky Parkway will also take exit 136

From exit 136 turn right onto Elizabethtown By-Pass 2 miles to a left turn onto SR 1357, St. John Road, 1.6 miles to 411 Ring Road where you will have arrived at a fun and informative gathering with your Audubon Society friends from around the state.

Council Meeting September 13 in Elizabethtown

The Fall Meeting of the Kentucky Audubon Council will be held at 11 AM on Saturday September 13th at the meeting room of Nolin River Electric Co-Op on Ring Road. The meeting will be in the form of a workshop to acquaint each Chapter with the new KAC Web site. Delegates will learn how to submit their chapter's newsletter for posting to their page on the Web site along with their programs and events as well as posting other updates such as new officers and changes when needed. To prepare for the meeting, it would be good for at least one person from each chapter to go to the Web site

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to become familiar with the information that is needed from each chapter. Then the chapter's delegates should bring the data that is needed for their page on our site such as a current list of officers and upcoming events, programs and field trips.

Daniel Boone National Forest Plan

The KAC submitted a letter to the Content Analysis Team written by Diane Shott, Delegate at Large, expressing the concerns about of the members of the 7 Audubon Chapters in the state about Plan C-1:

Daniel Boone National Forest

Dear Content Analysis Team:

I'm writing in behalf of the Kentucky Audubon Council (the statewide alliance of all 7 chapters of the National Audubon Society within Kentucky)--with some comments regarding the Daniel Boone Forest Management Plan.

Our representatives have attended public meetings, read at least the summary, and consulted with other organizations & individual agency members whose opinions we respect. Consequently, we would urge a new alternative closer to that suggested by the Ky. Conservation Community, to keep the Forest in a more natural state.

In particular, we fear the C-1 still caters far too much to logging & mining. Our board members began to tell of personal examples of bad logging and subsidization by taxpayers for roads. Ideal is none!

As our national organization promotes habitat & conservation education, we would like more attention paid to acquiring contiguous watershed & forest

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From the President's

Perch... I am pleased to announce that Governor Paul Patton has appointed me to serve a three-year term on the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board. This Board is made up of approximately 12 people such as the Commissioners for the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Parks, and Fish & Wildlife as examples. I am serving as a representative of environmental organizations in Kentucky of which the Kentucky Audubon Council is but one.

The Board accepts applications from across the state for funds with which to make purchases of land. Members of the Board visit the sites being considered for purchase and often meet at the sites for which an application has been received. I am a resident of Ohio County and have hiked and biked on the two tracts of land approved for purchase in the past by the KHLCF Board, Highview Hill overlooking the Green River and an addition to the Ohio County Park.

The monies that are available for purchases of land from willing sellers come to the KHLCF from three sources:

1. \$ 10 from each automobile Nature plate purchase
2. Fines levied against industries for pollution
3. Taxes on unmined minerals

To date I have attended an orientation meeting and one regular meeting of the Fund's Board. I have greatly enjoyed learning about lands for which applications to purchase are currently under consideration. I look forward to learning more about our state and having the opportunity to have input in the decision-making process, knowing from the outset that there will never be enough money to approve all the applications presented.

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portions that can return to Old Growth (so that, for example, we meet the needs of nesting neotropical songbirds for at least a mile from woodland edges to prevent cowbird parasitism.) Management for historically endemic rare & endangered species is in line with our goals, while some of our members question emphasis on game species.

Some fear 50 thousand acres of burn management may well be too much (air pollution too!) when added to accidental fire & the removal of dead pines to avoid same. We hope replanting is never again of such a monoculture as to encourage disease, etc.

As we learn more about watersheds and aquifers and karst, a 200-foot protection for cave areas seems not to be adequate.

Human use & impact balanced with science, appreciation and recreation is a tough issue. KAC asks that we hold the line for nonmotorized access except for existing pavement. We need public lands to show us what nature can be (& do for our psyches) without the imposition of noise & pollution & destruction. Who knows what kind of machine will have a powerful lobby in the next 10 years? Existing trails always need maintainence & that money should not go to new development which must then be maintained as well. Keep golf courses & resorts outside the forest. Consider the many cumulative impacts in the DEIS to birds & mammals, herps & inverts---all part of the web of life.

Thanks for your consideration-

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Questions? Comments! Suggestions....

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