

National Archives and Records Administration
REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

Records Schedule Number: DAA-0022-2024-0005

Status: APPROVED
Date Approved: 04/14/2026

General Information

Agency or Establishment	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Record/Scheduling Group	0022 - Records of the U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service
Records Schedule Applies To	Agency-wide
Schedule Subject	Wilderness Studies
Is There a Classified Version of This Schedule?	No
Is consultation and coordination with Tribal Governments required?	No - the records covered by this schedule do not implicate Tribal interests

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Item Count

Total number of disposition items: 1

Number of Temporary disposition items: 0

Number of Permanent disposition items: 1

Number of Items with Disposition Not Approved: 0

Number of Inactive disposition items: 0

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Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0022-2024-0005

Item #	Title	Disposition
0001	Wilderness Studies	Permanent

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Records Schedule Items

DAA-0022-2024-0005-0001		STATUS: Active
ITEM GENERAL INFORMATION		
Item Title	Wilderness Studies	
Item Description	<p>Studies conducted to determine the suitability or non-suitability of refuge land for preservation as wilderness under the provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964. Studies and recommendations become part of the Department of Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife's recommendations to the President. Studies result in a Congressional wilderness area designation, no Congressional designation, or were withdrawn. Studies are typically bound volumes. Types of records contain in the Studies include environmental impact statements, wilderness study reports, recommendations to the President, legislative bills, summary environmental impact statements, photographs, the public involvement such as hearings and Federal Register Notices, petitions, news releases and articles related to the proposal, drawings, and oversized maps. All documents are bound together as one cohesive report. The reports as a collection contain an intrinsic value in the document itself by both the form and function of the study. The notebook, binding, and physical characteristics of the maps and photographs provide information about the time period and historical significance of environmental preservation during this time. The studies originals can enhance the appreciation of the time period and understanding of the subject matter. Preservation risks is present if deconstructing the records from the notebooks for digitization which would include physical damage to the original records, loss of contextual information leading to fragmented understanding of the content and compromising the historical artifact.</p>	
Is this item media neutral?	No	
Media limitation	Paper/analog only	
Is this item a Big Bucket?	No	
MANUAL CITATION		
Manual Title	PROP-250 Wilderness Studies	
SUPERSEDED AGENCY DISPOSITION AUTHORITIES AND GRS DEVIATIONS		
Does this item supersede existing disposition authorities?	Yes	

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Superseded Items	
Superseded Item	Item Superseded in Part? Explanation
N1-022-05-01 / 185/a	Yes in part by this proposed schedule for paper only and in part by DRS 2.2 for the electronic studies.
Is this item a deviation from the GRS?	No
DISPOSITION INSTRUCTION	
Final Disposition	Permanent
Cutoff Instructions	Cut off when study is completed
Are there multiple instructions for this item?	No
Transfer Instruction	Other: Transfer to the National Archives immediately after schedule approval
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Legal citation related to record retention (if applicable)	no
Current Records Format	Paper-based textual records:100 cf
Approximate first year of records covered by this authority	1950
End year of records covered by this authority	Year: 1990
Date span of the initial transfer	From: 01/01/1950 To: 12/31/2024
Frequency of transfer	1
Are any of the records covered by this item subject to a FOIA exemption?	No

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Signatory Information

Action	User	Date
Approve	Edward Forst (Acting Archivist)	04/14/2026



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This schedule was signed outside of the ERA system using Standard Form 115.

NARA staff updated ERA to reflect this approval, moving the record schedule into an approved status. The approved status allows for generation of a PDF indicating that the schedule has been approved, and allows an agency to use the schedule in ERA to create transfer requests. The approved date in the system and on the PDF version of the records schedule reflects the system actions.