

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Environmental Assessment: Vehicular Access and Parking Improvements
Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge

The United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are seeking public comment on the proposed roadway and parking lot improvements at Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge on St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands. The proposed project would include improve parking along Tranberg Road, improve road conditions of the existing Tranberg Road, relocate approximately 900 feet of Tranberg Road onto USFWS property, and create a connecting segment at the existing terminus of Tranberg Road to facilitate emergency vehicle passage.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality, to analyze impacts of the proposed project on the area's resources. The EA will be available on **June 1, 2009** for public review. Hardcopies of the EA will be available at the Refuge Headquarters Building and the Florence Williams Public Library, 1221 King St. Christiansted, VI. An electronic copy of the EA will be available to be downloaded at www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects-public-notice.aspx. Copies of the EA will also be sent to applicable Federal, State, and local agencies for their review and comment. Please submit your comments in writing via mail or e-mail to:

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Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Please ensure that all comments are postmarked by **July 15, 2009**.

Public Information Meeting:

A public information meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday June 4, 2009 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM in the Refuge Headquarters Building adjacent to the entrance roadway into Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge located south of Frederiksted, St. Croix, USVI**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for the public to gain information and provide comments regarding the project. All interested citizens, interest groups and businesses are invited to attend this public information meeting.

Please contact Mr. Mike Evans, Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge Manager at (340) 773-4554 or Ms. Lisa Landers, at (571) 434-1541 with any questions related to this announcement.

United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Federal Highway Administration