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State of Caddo Lake Ramsar Wetlands Focus of World Wetlands Day Meeting in Karnack

The Caddo Lake Clearinghouse will host a public meeting for presentations and discussions about the state of Caddo Lake Ramsar Wetlands. The meeting will be held at 6 P.M. Tuesday, February 2nd, at the Karnack Community Center,

World Wetlands Day is celebrated February 2 every year in more than 100 countries, marking the date the Convention to Protect Wetlands of International Importance was signed in 1971.

Over 150 nations have signed the treaty and agreed to protect wetlands within their boundaries. There are now over 1,800 designated Ramsar sites around the world, and 27 sites in the United States.

In October 1993, the Caddo Lake site became the 13th to be designated in the U.S. and, after enlargement in 1998, now includes approximately 20,000 acres of public and private lands designated “wetlands of international importance.”

Topics at Tuesday’s meeting will include invasive vegetation control and education.

Officials from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s Albuquerque office and Texas Parks & Wildlife are expected to make presentations regarding new initiatives to control giant salvinia at Caddo Lake.

Gary Endsley of the Collins Foundation in Jefferson and Mrs. Cozetta Robinson, Superintendent of Karnack Independent School District, will discuss a new wetlands education initiative.

Rick Lowerre, Caddo Lake Institute President, will discuss the Ramsar designation and answer questions regarding possible expansion.

The Karnack Community Center is located at the intersection of FM 134 and T.J. Taylor Avenue in Karnack, near the entrance to the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

The Caddo Lake Clearinghouse is composed of the City of Uncertain, the Greater Caddo Lake Association, the Caddo Lake Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, the Friends of the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and the Caddo Lake Institute.

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