NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPINION

Location: Waurika Wildlife Management Area Shooting Range

Location Coordinates: 34°20′53.1″N 98°09′36.4″W

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the public to comment on a new public shooting range, identify specific issues, and/or environmental impacts that can be addressed in the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC).

Need: The proposed need is to complete an environmental assessment (EA) including environmental studies and to arrive at either a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or complete an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the project described below:

Waurika Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is 10,580-acres located in Cotton and Stephens Counties, Oklahoma. The proposed site for the public shooting range on Waurika WMA is approximately 70 acres in size, located in Cotton County, south of Hwy 53 and approximately one mile east of the N2700/E1840 county road intersection at 34°20'53.1"N 98°09'36.4"W.

Proposed plans include construction of a 200-yard rifle range and a 50-yard pistol range with covered metal shooting stations including 4-6 shooting benches/tables for each range; a shotgun/trap range with a concrete pad; an archery tower/range; appropriate boundary fencing and gates; restrooms; and associated parking lots and pathways. All range components will include ADA parking and access.

The estimated timeline to complete the EA, engineering, and construction is 3-5 years.

The proposed shooting range is located on property owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), under license for operations and management by the ODWC, and funded by the ODWC and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Comment Deadline:

Written comments to be provided or postmarked by December 15, 2025 via email, poll, mail, or social media comments.

Submit comments via email to: <u>Lance.meek@odwc.ok.gov</u>

Submit comments via mail to:

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

Attn: Shooting Range Coordinator

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