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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Ron Jensen, President of the Board

This year the National Wilderness Preservation System is highlighting the creation of the Wilderness Act of 1964, and this brought back some memories for me. Exactly 57 years ago this October, I had my first experience in an area of Tamarac that is now designated as Wilderness. A good friend of mine asked if I wanted to go duck hunting with him because he had found a place that was, as he put it, too good to be true. We drove to a spot on County Road 35 in the northeast corner of Tamarac, an area where the big pines dominate. There was an old fire road that was our starting point, and I just couldn't imagine that there would be any mallards sitting in those big pines! After a walk of about a mile through various types of terrain, we came to a large wetland area that had the fire trail built right through the middle. What an area for our anticipated successful duck hunt! After an hour of not seeing any ducks even close to shooting range, we started to look around, and as the saying goes, should have been here yesterday! There were all kinds of shell casings, which explained why the ducks that did fly over were a lot smarter than us. As we sat there and listened to the sounds, or better yet, the lack of sounds in the world around us, I kept thinking I would sure like my kids to experience the solitude of what I thought was being in the wilderness. Little did I know, but that exact spot was later officially designated as wilderness. And like all good intentions, I regret that I never did get my boys out to that particular spot to share



my experience. Every time I drive on County Road 35, I look for that old fire trail, but it is truly a wilderness area, and no motorized vehicles are allowed. It has grown over. There are a number of areas on Tamarac where the same experience that I had could be shared with others, but I am not sure any could compare to my now secret area. Unfortunately, it is now secret to me also!



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A WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE.....

By Neil Powers, Manager, Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge



Wilderness has followed me for most of my career. My first exposure to the concepts of protecting large blocks of land and preserving them as “wild” areas, driven for the most part by natural processes, was in the sandhills of western Nebraska. The 25,000 acre wilderness area there resembled

a “sea of grass within a sea of grass.” With the exception of a few solitary windmills spinning in the breeze and a distant barbed wire fence on the horizon, this was a landscape untrammelled by the work of humans, a place where the forces of nature and solitude prevail. I remember thinking how amazing it was to be connected to a natural area that has changed very little during the past one hundred or more years. Very few places offer that kind of value and unique perspective. My experience with wilderness continued in various capacities and continues today with the wilderness areas on Tamarac Refuge.

Howard Zahniser, often referred to as the “Father of the Wilderness Act” for his extensive work to promote the passing of a Wilderness Preservation System and author of the Wilderness Act, recognized the importance of wild places and the connection humans have with them. The first paragraph of the Act captures the basic reasoning for why he believed wilderness is important to all of us...”In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy

and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition...”.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, I have come to appreciate the forethought of establishing wilderness areas and how their importance across the landscape has and will continue to come into play as buffers against urban sprawl, increased demands for food and fiber, and a national population that is anticipated to grow by 90 million people by 2050. These are significant social issues that nearly every country in the world is or will someday soon be facing. As the demand for land production increases to meet the needs of a growing population, wild places will see increased pressure for conversion to meet those needs. Fortunately for us, we have wilderness areas.

I invite you to enjoy the wilderness experience at Tamarac Refuge and experience for yourselves the unique opportunities of what these natural areas have to offer.

It's Friends of Tamarac Membership Time

The Friends of Tamarac Membership year runs from October 1 through September 30, so now is the time to join or renew your membership! Throughout the year Friends offers many education programs for children and adults. For example, volunteer master naturalists lead walks through Tamarac's woods, volunteers lead several photography tours, the Fall Festival is a Friends project, we are a sponsor of the annual Festival of Birds, hundreds of elementary school children come to Tamarac for a day of discovering nature, plus membership dues pay for this newsletter. Membership dues paid now are good through September 2015. An individual/family membership costs just \$20, but please consider joining at the patron or steward level to support other Friends programs. A membership envelope is enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience.

Following is a list of new and renewed memberships received between June and September of this year.

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WORKED SO HARD
CLEANING UP
AFTER WE FEST!**

50 Years of the Wilderness Act

by Nancy Roper in "Fish and Wildlife News" (Spring 2014)

The National Wilderness Preservation System turns 50 this year, significantly younger than three other federal systems of lands and waters that began providing varying levels of protection before 1964. So why did the United States need to create a new national system, composed of elements from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Forest Service?

Proponents of wilderness in the early 1900s saw changes throughout the nation's wild lands that were altering the nature of the land. National parks focused on building roads, hotels, and visitor centers to encourage tourism. National forests were building roads to facilitate large-scale logging. Huge dams were going up for energy production. The National Wildlife Refuge System focused on creating waterfowl and game habitat, often through major ecological intervention.



Key wilderness supporters recognized a need to preserve lands in their natural and wild form; they recognized the benefits of the undeveloped and wild nature of rapidly disappearing places. As Howard Zahniser, Executive Director of

The Wilderness Society, said: "Let's try to be done with a wilderness preservation program made up of a sequence of overlapping emergencies, threats, and defense campaigns."

In 1956 he wrote the first draft of the Wilderness Act, and over nine years, shepherded it through 18 public hearings and 65 rewrites. Congress finally ratified the Wilderness Act, and President Johnson signed it into law on September 3, 1964.

Zahniser summed up the strength of a single National Wilderness Preservation System: "Working to preserve in perpetuity is a great inspiration. We are facing a frontier, we are generating a new force that will always be effective in preserving wilderness. We are working for a wilderness forever."

The Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge has two "designated wilderness" areas: 2000 acres in the northwest corner of the refuge and 65 acres on three islands in Tamarac Lake.



The north end of Tamarac Refuge has 2,000 acres of designated Wilderness Area. Photo by Robb Larson.

Spirit OF THE WILDERNESS

By Nancy Moulden

Have you been feeling cranky and stressed lately? Are you feeling frustrated in the battle with technology that is supposed to simplify your life? Have you been having trouble concentrating on your daily tasks? If you answered yes to any of these questions it sounds like you need to take a break and get away to the wilderness.

No, it doesn't have to be a faraway wilderness, but you will have to leave your electronics behind. Just find somewhere away from human habitation--maybe the shady woods, a sunny meadow, or beside a still lake. Sit quietly until you notice the many sounds of your secluded spot that you wouldn't ordinarily hear. Soon you will also begin to see the many signs of life that you wouldn't ordinarily notice. When you concentrate on these things you will feel a peaceful lightness that clears your mind and makes you smile. You may be surprised at how much time has passed and how your thoughts

may have solved a problem you've been wrestling with for awhile.

You probably will be reluctant to leave your special spot and join the rest of the world again but you can keep that spirit of the wilderness inside you. Then you can immerse yourself in that feeling, remembering it to help you through darker times. When the opportunity arises you can visit that spot again to take a break, as well as notice how it changes at different times of the year.

Sometimes you may want to bring a companion and share the wonders of nature that you have been observing. Teaching children to appreciate the beauty around them or conversing quietly with a friend will increase your pleasure while being in your special spot.

So, don't wait! Plan to discover the spirit of the wilderness as soon as you can and then share it with others!



There are many wonderful places in the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge to explore and enjoy. On October 4, please join us to celebrate the Fall Festival and Open House. There will be tours, activities, shopping, a silent auction, and delicious food to enjoy.

A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement."
(The Sense of Wonder, Rachel Carson)

...And from the world of nearby little ones:

Jude, 4 1/2: "Exploring in the woods. Exploring dangerous places. It's animals, nature, and stuff like that." At the refuge he remembers seeing "a chipmunk, beaver, loons, three families of geese, and the big white birds in the small pond."

Alice, 2 1/2: Peering into a bait bucket: "I love leeches. I like to pet them."

Owen, 7: Thoughtful recollection of wilderness residents: "Deer, antelope, and mountain goats."

Joel, 10: "This is the BEST day, ever!" After a solo spin in the kayak, carving a walking stick from a birch limb, and an evening campfire with s'mores.

Chelsea, 8: "Today, with my friend Elsa, we picked cattails. We boiled them on the stove, and at the end Elsa's mom helped us fry them in butter. They tasted like mashed potatoes but a lot more stringy."

Charlie, 10: (A Haiku)
It makes me feel wild
Love to go adventuring
I can be noisy

From Molly, age 10
Wilderness is another description for wild. It means a beautiful place where animals, lakes, rivers, mountains and trees are found. You can go camping in the wilderness which is really fun to do or take a boating trip. I think we can all agree that the wilderness is a place we should all go to, respect, and enjoy.

THE LEGEND OF OLD THREE LEGS

As legends go, the stories may or may not be of full truth.

By John Boots

The legend of Old Three Legs is a tale of terror, murdered dogs and slaughtered livestock, that extended across six Minnesota counties and covered the decade between 1916 and 1926. The hero-villain of the saga was an enormous timber wolf, preternaturally cunning and driven by a slakeless thirst for blood, a “spirit wolf” who went unharmed by gunfire and could appear and disappear at will. This animal would eventually earn the name of Old Three Legs, and his depredations would gain national notoriety and would become a meeting ground for myth and history.

The story did not, of course, begin at the beginning. That was added later. It began instead, like all good epics, in the middle. The opening episode took the form of the wolf’s midnight raid on the farm of Elmer Cox, a raid that left an entire herd of sheep dead or maimed and the farmer ruined. In reaction, Cox swore a solemn vow of vengeance. Elmer Cox’s long pursuit of the wolf became itself a North Woods legend, and although the wolf eluded him, Cox did set the trap that took the wolf’s left front foot and that gave him his name: Old Three Legs.

The years-long killing spree that followed left hundreds of head of domestic livestock dead, and many farmers bankrupt. It attracted the services of expert predator control agents from around the country, all of whom departed in failure and humiliation. And it brought Old Three Legs a reputation that bordered on the supernatural. Two Indian trappers hired by the state, for instance, pursued the wolf for four months and missed many opportunities to kill him. The final confrontation came when Old Three Legs appeared as if by magic before them. The two

woodsmen emptied their rifles at a sitting target no more than 50 feet away. When the fusillade ended, the wolf snarled, grinned derisively, and simply disappeared. The two men returned shaking their heads, and as they quit the chase they declared that Old Three Legs was a “spirit wolf” that could not be held by traps nor killed by bullets.

It was at this point in the saga, when history and myth had become inextricably entwined, that the beginning of the story came to light. Like all such beginnings, it was based on the eyewitness reports of sober men. Some two years before the raid on the Cox farm, a Ponsford woodsman by the name of Foster had watched a she-wolf kill six of her seven cubs and then disappear into her wilderness fastness with the seventh. For two years, tracks indicated that the mother was imparting to her son all the lore and wiles of wolfdom. This was the apprenticeship of the wolf that would become Old Three Legs, and it ended when the young wolf turned upon his teacher and killed her. A rural mail carrier later came upon the torn body of the mother.

As far as is known, Old Three Legs was never directly responsible for the death of a human being. He did, however, terrorize many, threaten several, and was indirectly responsible for the demise of a few. One of these was a farmer named Grover Amundson. In a single night, Amundson lost 40 sheep, one cow, and one heifer to a raid by Old Three Legs. Faced with the ruin of his farm, Amundson sent his small children to live with relatives and, like others before him, took up the trail of Old Three Legs. Months passed; his face grew gaunt and his eyes took on a wild and staring look. Though his friends urged him to abandon the chase, Amundson was in

the grip of an obsession. His frozen body was finally found on a backwoods trail, and while he had not died from a wolf attack, the area surrounding the body was covered by the distinctive tracks of Old Three Legs. The old wolf had not exactly killed the man, but he had clearly come back to sneer and gloat over the fall of his former antagonist.

As the years ticked by, Old Three Legs began to lose some of his speed and stamina. His cunning and his ability to dominate, however, did not diminish. In the final years of his life, the legend says, he achieved a moiety pact with a pair of brush wolves. Their job as esquires to royalty was to drive the prey toward their feudal lord. After killing it, Old Three Legs would suffer his minions--noblesse oblige--to feed on his leftovers.

The actual end of the story came on November 20, 1926, during a routine deer hunt involving Fred Darkow of Detroit Lakes and several local hunting companions. Darkow was on post during a deer drive, and when Old Three Legs pursued a doe past his stand, the hunter killed the wolf with a single rifle shot.

Celebrations followed. Darkow was hailed as a hero and received the thanks of a grateful community. The printed report called him “the finest rifle shot in the state of Minnesota.” As the relieved community heaped its thanks upon the hero, the body of the old wolf was displayed in the square. There it received the same kind of gloating and sneering derision that the wolf had earlier, by report, accorded the fallen body of his own old enemy.



Minnesota’s wolf legacy is unique: its northeastern corner of lakes and sub-boreal forest once sheltered the last remaining wild wolves in the lower 48 states. Wise and careful management under the Endangered Species Act allowed those remaining wolves to flourish and repopulate northern Wisconsin and Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

Minnesotans clearly value wolves. Public opinion surveys and attitudes demonstrated during development of the state’s wolf management plan show people view the animal as ecologically important, scientifically fas-

inating, aesthetically attractive, recreationally appealing and significant for future generations. Only a small minority fear and dislike wolves or believe Minnesota would be a more desirable place without this apex predator.

The Minnesota DNR’s commitment to a responsible, conservative and science-based management strategy that ensures the long-term survival of wolves in Minnesota recognizes the animal’s legacy and Minnesotans’ collective interest in and concern for this Northwood’s icon. (excerpt from MN DNR Wolf Management fact sheet)

Pine Point Teachers Reflect on EE

By Nancy Brennan

Pine Point school children took their first trip to Tamarac NWR for environmental education in late May. The students from kindergarten through third grade were greeted by six volunteers, a refuge staff educator, and an outdoor education intern. As luck would have it, the sun was shining, and the temperatures were perfect! Two Pine Point teachers were recently asked to share their thoughts and impressions about the educational programs at Tamarac.

Rhonda Heaton has been teaching at Pine Point for three years and was the 2nd grade teacher last school year. “We loved our trip to Tamarac and the kids loved it, too. It was extremely well organized, and the activities changed enough that the kids were constantly on the move, having fun and learning. In fact, we would love to become a partner school so our students can visit three times a year.” Rhonda noted that pictures and books are fine within the classroom, but “when you go outside it is very hands-on and they learn about things that they see every day. I think the information will stay with them longer because it was so real to them.”

Jessica Leckner, last year’s 1st grade teacher, noted how well the educational activities dove-tailed with her classroom study of the life cycle of butterflies. “When we were at



Photo by Kelly Blackledge

Tamarac and learned about the life cycles of frogs and trees, it opened up new avenues of learning for my students. They were really engaged.” As to learning outdoors, Leckner said, “First graders sometimes have trouble sitting still, so the fact that they could move around, play games and see things first hand helped them learn.” She also said that she could tell the volunteers really enjoyed what they were doing, and “As a teacher and a mom, I try to model and teach volunteerism.”

Both teachers said that the lessons learned at Tamarac met education standards for their grades in Life Science by teaching about the life cycles of living things and Earth Science, by tying life cycle changes to temperature, weather patterns, and seasons. Leckner added, “We appreciate the time and energy to create the quality educational program at Tamarac.”



The Tamarac Discovery Center is nearing completion with a few more interior finishes to occur over the winter months. Friends of Tamarac are looking for your help to complete the funding needed to finish the project. We are all so excited to see this building come to life with youth eager to make new discoveries in nature. Visit www.tamaracfriends.org to learn how you can donate to this unique project.

VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

By Janice Bengtson

Volunteers “went on safari” as they gathered for the 2014 annual recognition picnic held August 21. Many dressed in safari attire while the shop was lurking with wild animals, including lions, tigers, gorillas, elephants and more! 62 volunteers, staff, and family attended. Refuge manager Neil Powers welcomed everyone and highlighted special accomplishments from the past year. Awards were then presented to those who had reached key milestones (see list below). Cathie Ferguson, Judy Bell and Justine Boots received the Assistant Director’s Award for accumulating 500 hours of service. Don Blanding, Connie Carlson and Fran Mattson received the Director’s Award for reaching 1000 hours. Ron Jenson was recognized for his 4000 hours of service. To conclude the evening, 2013 Volunteer of the Year Nancy Brennan presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Ron Jenson.

In 2014, 147 volunteers donated over 9300 hours of service in various areas including maintenance, wildlife and habitat projects, public programs and events, environmental education, cultural resources and more. Tamarac has an awesome team! If you are interested in sharing your time and talents in support of conservation, contact volunteer coordinator, Janice Bengtson at Janice_Bengtson@fws.gov or 218-844-1756.

25 HOURS

Terra Huff
Janine Schneider
Gerald Schumacher

50 HOURS

Bob Brockmann
Janet Bridgers (25,50)
Ruth Bergquist
Mary Elton (25, 50)

100 HOURS

Sue Braun
Cheryl Kippen
Denise Warweg

200 HOURS

Jane Besse
Jim DuBay
Harry Halvorson
Dave Schneider

300 HOURS

Mark Geihl
Rick Pechmann

400 HOURS

John Hatch (25, 50, 100, 200, 300)
Bridget Hatch (25, 50, 100, 200, 300)
Sandie Boyer (50,100, 200, 300)
Ken Mattson
Donna Dustin

500 HOURS

Cathie Ferguson
Justine Boots

600 HOURS

John Hovdenes



Ready for a safari, Cathie Ferguson accepts an award for 500 hours.



Neil Powers presents an award to Justine Boots for reaching 500 hours.

700 HOURS

Jeanine Ehnert
Betty Gunderson

800 HOURS

Judy Bell (500, 600, 700)

1000 HOURS

Don Blanding
Connie Carlson (800,900)
Fran Mattson (900)

4000 HOURS

Ron Jenson



Jenson is Volunteer of the Year

Ron Jenson received the 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge's annual volunteer recognition picnic held August 21. Ron began volunteering in 2006. Over the years, he has worn many hats including water quality monitor, carpenter, trail mower, event planner, and educator. He is also the president of the Friends of Tamarac. But it was the voice of a child who captured his attention by saying "I've never been in the woods before." From that point, on he realized the importance of connecting children with nature. He has since led the charge to build an education center. During the past year, he has dedicated much of his time to this project, frequently turning in monthly time sheets of 90 hours! During 2014, he donated over 800 hours. Through the ups and downs, he has maintained his sense of humor and dedication. These days he wears a hard hat at the refuge working with staff and contractors. Yet at the same time, he has managed to promote the Discovery Center out in



Refuge Manager Neil Powers presents the 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award to Ron Jenson.

the community while gaining support. He has led and encouraged the Friends as they have taken this journey together. Thanks to Tamarac's 2014 Volunteer of the Year, Ron Jenson, the Discovery

Center dream is now a reality. Ron also received an award from the Regional Director for his 4000 hours of accumulated service. Congratulations Ron!

FEDERAL RECREATION PASS AWARDS

Accumulated 250 hours:
John and Bridget Hatch
Mark Geihl

Rick Pechmann
Bruce Besse
Dave Schneider

DONATED 250 HOURS IN 2014 ALONE:

Sandie Boyer
John Jacobson
Ron Jenson
Denis Mudderman



Justine Boots and Janet Bridgers enjoyed the picnic.



Connie Carlson receives the Regional Director's Award for 1000 hours.



Ken Mattson is recognized for his 400 hours of service.

Best “Under-the-Radar Hiking Trails” *Right Here at Tamarac*

By Fran Mattson

A recent article in the twin cities’ Star Tribune featured an article entitled “Secret Hikes of Minnesota” that had a beautiful picture of Tamarac’s North Country Trail. It included this hike among Minnesota’s “best under-the-radar hiking trails.” As we move into our most colorful time of year on the refuge, it’s a great time to get outdoors and take a hike. It’s not only the youth that need to take time to disconnect from the fast pace of life, but adults as well. Fall colors and fewer bugs make it a special time to reconnect with the peace and tranquility of nature.

The newest trail on Tamarac is the 14.5 mile section of the North Country Trail. This hike can be done in sections. NCT Trailheads within Tamarac include the following:

- On the east border of Tamarac off the 400th Avenue trailhead, which is about 1.8 miles south of CR-26 and runs to a point on the Blackbird Wildlife Drive.
- Blackbird Wildlife Drive parking area, located about .7 miles south of CR-26.
- Pine Lake trailhead, located 2.5 miles south of the CR-29 and CR-26 intersection.

The section of the hike that runs between 400th Avenue and the Blackbird Wildlife Drive has a unique feature--three wooden puncheons that serve as boardwalks over bog areas. A puncheon is a wooden planking system where the boards run lengthwise over the bog. The Pine Lake section may be particularly colorful during the peak fall color season because it borders shoreline with open lake views. This is also a great

section to visit in the spring for the first warbler sightings. Check out the beauty of each section.

Volunteer crews built and maintain this trail system through Tamarac. The Laurentian Lakes chapter of the North Country Trail Association coordinates volunteers for this work. Get ready to grab a water bottle, your camera, a friend, and hit the trail.

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UNEXPECTED SIGHTING

An adjacent landowner to Tamarac Refuge had a breakout of captive bison. Every effort was made to round up the animals, however the forested and river landscape along with limited access made it difficult. As with any domestic livestock, it is the responsibility of the owner to remove the animals. Refuge staff coordinated with the landowner for several weeks to allow access and provide for public safety. The bison have since been removed from the refuge.



Photo by Judy Bell

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday September 21, 2:00

Movie: The Wilderness World of Sigurd Olson

Though not a biography in the strict sense, this film is rather a stirring montage of Olson's life as a writer, the natural beauty that influenced his work, and the role his cabin at Listening Point played in the evolution of his wilderness vision. 30 min. After the movie, enjoy a few passages from The Singing Wilderness and discover why so many people have been inspired by this conservation icon.

Sunday September 28, 2:00

Movie: Arctic Dance

A pioneer in the study and protection of Alaska's rugged wilderness, Mardie Murie's work fueled the designation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Follow her adventurous life and become inspired by this legendary conservationist. 70 min. Stay for a short presentation on Mardie's books including passages from Wapiti Wilderness, and Two in the Far North.



Become inspired by Mardie Murie's adventurous life in Arctic Dance.

Saturday October 4, 10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Tamarac's Annual Fall Festival

Spend a beautiful autumn day on the refuge at the historic cabins. Guided Wilderness Experience tours at 9, 11, and 1:00 pm.

Storytelling at 10:15, "Wolf 101" at 12:15, and "To be a Wolf" at 2:15. Wolf activity trail, wild rice demo, and so much more for the whole family. View the Annual Photo Contest entries and vote for your favorite. All activities are free. Lunch will be available for sale by the Friends of Tamarac.

Sunday October 5, 2:00 pm

Movie: The Private Life of Deer

Peek into the complex society of these smart adaptable creatures with impressive skills, senses, and family lives. 50 min

****Mark your calendars!

Sunday December 7, 12:00-4:00 pm

Holiday Open House Welcome winter with an afternoon of children's activities, guest speakers, local artists, refreshments, holiday shopping, and more. More details to come!



What's it like to be a turkey? Find out on October 12. (Jim Sinclair)

Sunday October 12, 2:00 pm

Movie: My Life as a Turkey -This beautiful, charming, funny, sad, and thought provoking film explores a rare moment when man and animal become more closely linked than nature normally allows. 50 min



Thank you for a successful Toast to Tamarac

A Special Thank You....

A year ago, my husband Craig was in the midst of a vigilant fight against stage 4 bladder cancer. Although the prognosis was not very good, he forged ahead. The Friends of Tamarac, along with Tamarac staff were with us every step of the way. For that we cannot thank you enough. Hardly a day went by without caring bridge messages, cards, phone calls or emails to offer us support.

Please accept our heartfelt and sincere thanks for being with us on this journey. Although Craig's activities here were cut short, we hope he has left an indelible mark. For us, Tamarac will always be a SPECIAL place.

- Donna and Brett Lewis

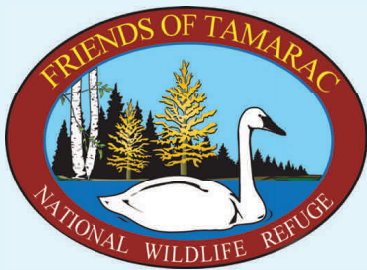


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