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Mother Nature Network Interviews BGA Former President Noreen Clough and Affiliates Skippy Reeves and David Wiseman

The Mother Nature Network, an Atlanta based environmental news and information website, has taken an interest in promoting the National Wildlife Refuge System. One of their cofounders, Chuck Leavell, keyboardist for the Rolling Stones, recently conducted video interviews at the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge with three retired Fish and Wildlife Service employees. The videos can be viewed by following the links below.

The first to be interviewed was Blue Goose Alliance Affiliate Skippy Reeves. Skippy closed out his career as manager of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in southeast Georgia, the largest refuge east of the Mississippi River. While the refuge is well known because of the Okefenokee Swamp, it also has extensive forest habitat. Skippy was a leader in developing forest management techniques that have been adopted on other areas.

David Wiseman, also a Blue Goose Alliance Affiliate the second interviewee, managed refuges in several states. Not only did he have experience on many refuges, but the variety of wildlife and their habitats was diverse. He managed the National Bison Range Complex of Refuges before his assignment to the Regional Office in Denver, Colorado. That role cast him as supervisor for all refuges in three of the prairie states.

Noreen Clough, the third interviewee, had a role that encompassed much more than wildlife refuges. As Regional Director of the Southeast Region of the Fish and Wildlife Service, a major responsibility included more than 120 National Wildlife Refuges. Her experiences from Alaska to Washington to the Southeast Region, gave her an unparalleled perspective for understanding the organizational anomalies that exist in the Fish and Wildlife Service. Noreen was founding President of the Blue Goose Alliance.

Video links:

Skippy Reeves Interview: <http://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/wilderness-resources/mnntv/in-the-green-room/in-the-green-room-touring-the-okefenokee>

David Wiseman Interview: <http://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/wilderness-resources/mnntv/in-the-green-room/in-the-green-room-the-national-wildlife>

Noreen Clough Interview: <http://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/wilderness-resources/mnntv/in-the-green-room/in-the-green-room-noreen-clough-talks>

Mother Nature Network Website: <http://www.mnn.com/>

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