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**PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS
DNR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE NEXT DECADE**

ATLANTA, GA (January 24, 2006) – The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold three public hearings to receive input about its proposed strategic plan. The plan will provide goals, objectives and strategies to guide the development and implementation of department programs and operations during the next decade. The public is asked to provide input on the goals, objectives and strategies in five key operational areas: resource inventory and monitoring; natural and cultural resources management; recreation management; regulatory and non-regulatory programming; and public education, outreach and communications. This information may be reviewed online at www.gadnr.org/strategic.

Members of the public will can provide input into the formulation of the strategic plan at the following DNR sponsored public hearings:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 15, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Avenue Pooler, GA 31322
February 22, 2006	2:00 p.m.	DNR Boardroom 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. S.E. Suite 1252 East Atlanta, GA 30334
February 23, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Century Fire/EMS Station 934 U.S. Highway 19 South Albany, GA 31763

Any participant at the meetings may make comments either orally or in writing. Those unable to attend the meetings may submit written comments prior to close of business on February 25, 2006. Comments may be submitted electronically at www.gadnr.org/strategic or mailed to Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Strategic Plan, 7 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. S.E., Atlanta, GA 30334.

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These meetings are accessible to people with physical disabilities. Requests for sign language or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Bob Donaghue at the above mailing address by February 7, 2006.

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