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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed plan that could result in Featherstone Wildlife Refuge being open to the public for the first time.

FWS recently proposed draft conservation plans for Featherstone and Mason Neck Wildlife Refuge and is seeking public input on the plans.

For Featherstone, a 325-acre piece of land along the Potomac River, the FWS proposed two plans: one that would keep the refuge unchanged and a second, recommended by the FWS, that would open it to the public, if "safe legal access and parking for the refuge" can be arranged.

Under the recommended plan, the refuge's priority would be protect bald eagle nesting areas and to work with Prince William County to find a way to open the refuge to the public. If the refuge can be opened, the refuge would offer "wildlife-dependant" activities, such as wildlife observation, photography and fishing.

The FWS is holding three public meetings on the proposed plans in February. The first meetings will be held on Feb. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Potomac Community Library, 2201 Opitz Blvd. in Woodbridge. Another meeting will be held Feb. 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Gunston Elementary School, 10100 Gunston Road in Lorton.

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<b>Thursday</b> High 49°/Low 24° Sunny	<b>Tomorrow</b> High 50°/Low 27° Sunny
<b>Saturday</b> High 51°/Low 27° Partly Cloudy	<b>Sunday</b> High 59°/Low 43° Light Rain

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