**Draft Agenda – FWS Retirees Association Reunion** 12/24/24

**Monday, May 12, Arrival day.** Check in to the **Hyatt Place Madison/Downtown**

**3:00 PM** Reunion registration table opens

**3:00 – 5:00 PM** Greenwalt Walk for Wildlife

**5:00 – 8:00 PM** Welcome Social

**Tuesday, May 13 Monona Terrace Conference Center meeting room**

**8:00 AM** Reunion registration table opens

**9:00 – Noon** Welcome from the FWS Regional Director, Region 3, and regional program highlights, Retirees Association Board member updates

Lunch on your own

**[1:00 – 5:00 PM Law enforcement retirees group, led by Jerry Smith, return to the Hyatt meeting room for their afternoon meeting]**

**1:30 – 4:30 PM** Invited speakers:

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

CEO of the National Wildlife Refuge Association, to celebrate 50th anniversary

Director, US Geological Survey’s National Wildlife Health Center, Madison

**5:00** **– 6:30 PM** Dinner on your own

**7:00 PM Evening program at the Monona Terrace meeting room**

Presentation of the FWS’s Annual History Award

Keynote Speaker, **Douglas Brinkley**, historian and author

**Wednesday, May 14, Field Trip Day**

**8:00 AM Depart Hyatt** for the **International Crane Foundatio**n (ICF), north of Madison, WI, near Baraboo, WI. After a welcome and video, we will break into guided groups to view the live cranes. This is the only place to see all of the world’s 15 crane species. We will have take-out lunches at their library and hear a briefing on ICF’s work.

**1:30 PM** Continue on with our field trip to the **Aldo Leopold Foundation**. The tour will include the museum, then to the Shack and Farm of Sand County Almanac fame.

**5:00 PM** Return to the Hyatt Place, Madison. Dinner on your own.

.**Thursday, May 15, Field Trip Day**

**8:00 AM Depart Hyatt** for **Necedah National Wildlife Refuge.** We will tour the refuge, so bring your binoculars to possibly see cranes and other waterfowl.

**5:00 PM Return to the Hyatt**

**6:00 PM Banquet at the Grand Terrace, Monona Terrace Conference Center**

**Friday, May 16 Departure day**