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THE WILD SIDE

(Larry D. Adams, President NMFWA)

How many times have we all heard that the future and security of this country are mandated by the combat readiness of our military forces? However, being employed by the Department of Defense in Natural Resources and as an Army Officer, I have become increasingly aware that our greatest enemy is ourselves. So often the military focuses entirely on combat readiness and fails to look at future training needs in respect to land conditions (soil, water, vegetation, etc.) on our military installations. Defense environmental issues and the protection of installation natural resources have recently become major concerns with the public and the conservation community. Thus, greater Command attention is needed throughout the DoD to address these issues and ensure the proper management of our nation's resources.

The focus of our attention should be on the future, and all military natural resource professionals should be committed to this effort.

On another note, I would like to thank all members of the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) who attended the annual meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting and training sessions were a huge success due largely to the active participation and program support by the record number of Association members present. Gene Stout and other Board members and their committees are to be especially commended for their efforts in developing the program and promoting high visibility of NMFWA among our professional peers. I would additionally like to thank you for electing me to a second term as your President and to congratulate the newly elected Board members. New committee chairpersons not listed above are: Law Enforcement - Robert Struckmeier; By-Laws - Slader Buck; Resolutions - Tom Warren; Poster Session - Rick LeClerc; and Historian - Gene Stout. The purpose of these committees is to improve the overall operational effectiveness of the Association, and all members are encouraged to participate in NMFWA activities and utilize the committees to their fullest potential.

I will make this a short Wild Side due to the numerous business issues that need to be summarized in this issue of the newsletter. In closing, I urge the Board of Directors and all Association members to continue to strive to make this a banner year for the NMFWA. I am looking forward to seeing you at the seventh annual meeting in March 1990, which will be held in conjunction with the North American Conference in Denver, CO.

REPORT ON THE NMFWA SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

The National Military Fish and Wildlife Association held its sixth annual meeting and training session on 21-23 March 1989 in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the 54th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference. The meeting theme was "The Biopolitics of Managing Fish and Wildlife Resources on Military Installations." Gene Stout, Fort Sill, OK, served as program chairman. The program and activities included paper presentations, panel discussions, Board and business meetings, election of officers, branch training sessions, poster display, and NMFWA awards banquet. The meeting was attended by approximately 125 Department of Defense personnel representing all service branches. Results of the meeting are summarized below.

NMFWA Board of Directors Meeting, 21 March 1989

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Adams at 1415. All Board members were present. Other Association members attending were Doug Ripley, Jay Banta, Ron Dow, Rich LeClerc, Tom Glueck, Bob Struckmeier, Christina Ramsey, Mark Littlefield, Howard Phillips, Jeff Bossart, Steve Martin, Scott Smith, and Lynn Engleman.

The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as published in the FAWN. The Secretary/Treasurer reported approximately 400 members in the Association. The NMFWA Bank balance was \$392, with \$258 owed for the lapel pins before registration began. A Tentative estimate was that the Association will have a net balance of about \$3300 at the close of the meeting.

President Larry Adams reported that the Defense Natural Resources Council (DNRC) reviewed the resolution on public awareness (see Oct 1988 issue of FAWN) and determined that no further action was needed. The concept of land condition trend

analysis was approved, and an ad hoc committee will draft a letter for DoD approval and send it to the Services. The DNRC committee on law enforcement recommended using the Glencoe course for training game wardens, but the military is reluctant to send their MP personnel to a 9-week course. DNRC will investigate developing a 4-week course, and the Association will probably be involved in the course agenda.

Tom Warren reported that the matter of Deputy US Game Warden commissions is being pursued with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regions. The GS-1812 series is only for USFWS wardens. Connie Ramirez, Army Staff Archeologist, is working with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to develop a new GS series for archeological positions that would include enforcement responsibilities.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the \$100 contribution to the USFWS Helicopter Fund approved at the July 1988 meeting was sent, and a thank you card was received by the Association.

Newsletter editor Chester Martin reported good support from the Board on turning in reports and articles and in soliciting articles from members. Cost of printing and mailing was \$800 for 2 issues of the FAWN. Tom Warren recommended publishing 4 issues a year, if possible. However, it was decided that publishing 3 issues would be more feasible. There was further discussion of scheduling and content, and the consensus was that job announcements be retained but condensed and kept timely, and meeting announcements should be limited to DoD activities.

Awards Committee Chairman Ron Dow reported that 5 plaques and 1 certificate will be presented this year. Ron suggested that the Association attempt to compete for the Chevron conservation award. President Adams asked him to investigate requirements and develop necessary information for nominating the Association. Three endorsements are needed for this award.

Gene Stout stated that the awards process must be completed by 1 January for the March 1990 meeting. Rick Griffiths commented that Board members should not be involved in the awards selection process. Larry Adams stated that there should be a standing committee for awards, and the committee needs to draw up operating procedures and make recommendations to the Board for concurrence. Gene Stout recommended that nominations be kept secret. Kim Mello stated that we need to acknowledge nominators and send letters of appreciation to nominees who do not receive greater recognition.

Chester Martin reported that The Wildlife Society Conservation Education Award for 1990 will be in the category of "Projects and Programs" and recommended that installations consider their programs for nomination. Details are provided in the announcements section of this newsletter.

Program Chairman Gene Stout reported that having a banquet increased the complexity of organizing the meeting and that it was difficult to schedule National speakers during an election year. The Wildlife Management Institute (WMI) supported our meeting by providing meeting rooms and by including Association meetings in their printed program. Some confusion has developed over registration fees. Neither the FAWN nor the North American meeting announcements indicated that each meeting had its own registration fee. The WMI would like us to collect a single registration fee to cover our meeting and support their meeting costs.

The NMFWA will need to select a meeting site separate from the North American conference in 1991 since that meeting will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, and it is difficult for some of our members to attend meetings outside of the United States.

Christina Ramsey suggested that the DoD hold a Natural Resources Conference in 1991 in conjunction with the NMFWA annual meeting.

Tom Warren commented that 1990 could be a test year for tying our registration fee to the North American fee. Gene Stout pointed out that the Association needed to designate a contact person to coordinate with the WMI for next year's meeting as soon as possible. The meeting room and other arrangements should be outlined immediately.

Nominating Committee chairman Slader Buck solicited potential nominees from the members and the Board of Directors. Nominations from the floor will be encouraged at the business meeting. President Adams outlined the election procedure; elections for each office will be held at the business meeting Thursday morning.

Poster Session Chairman Slader Buck asked for comments on the NMFWA display. Recommendations are summarized on page 6. Slader thanked all those who provided slides, helped with the setup, and manned the booth.

Historical Committee Chairman Gene Stout reported that a history of the Association has been completed and copies are available. Copies of the Association By-Laws as amended in 1986 are also available.

The At-Large Directors reported their efforts to communicate with the membership through letters. Phone calls are more effective, but members seldom contact their Director. Response to requests for awards nominations were minimal. A suggestion was made that a contact person in each state be established to communicate with personnel on the installations within that state. Another suggestion was that a letter and questionnaire similar to one sent by Gene Stout a few years ago be sent to all members this spring. President Adams reported that he had received favorable comments on the Directors' efforts.

Chester Martin commented on the value of supporting The Wildlife Society and its Certification Programs, including a new program proposed for law enforcement officers. Board opinion was divided on the value of certification as a requirement for employment.

Membership at the start of the meeting was 372 with 14 new members signing on Monday and Tuesday. Tom Warren suggested adding space for home phone numbers when the membership form is revised; home addresses may be preferable for mailing the newsletter. Board members should provide home address and phone numbers to the President and other board members to facilitate communication.

Robert Struckmeier reported on the 1989 Law Enforcement Course to be taught 19-23 June at Fort Leonard Wood. The course will be suitable for beginning and experienced personnel. The agenda will include advanced officer survival tactics, tracking, Federal regulations, red handle training, a firearms qualification course, and boat and water safety if desired. He did not know if the course would meet Deputy US Warden annual training requirements. Tom Warren reported that MOA's with the installations regarding certification and training requirements will cover this. The installations will be responsible for their officers meeting training requirements.

There was considerable discussion regarding a tentative proposal that the Association change its name from "Fish and Wildlife" to "Natural Resources" in order to include foresters, agronomists, range conservationists, etc. within our scope. However, all Board members were in favor of retaining our current focus and name even though our interests are broader than fish and wildlife. Gene Stout proposed that the Board adopt a position statement, which Tom Warren phrased as follows: "I

(would) move that the Board of Directors of the NMFWA strive to increase the inter-communication between all the natural resources professionals within DoD while maintaining the sanctity and integrity of same organization." The motion was accepted. The meeting adjourned at 1635.

NMFWA Business Meeting, 23 March 1989

Association President Larry Adams called the meeting to order at 0840. He welcomed everyone and reminded them that they worked for DoD and that the Department's support is what makes this Association and its meeting successful.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in the Fawn. See the Secretary/Treasurer's report in this newsletter for the Association's current membership and financial status.

Slader Buck described the election procedure and the duties and qualification requirements for each officer. He then distributed ballots and information on candidates who had been nominated prior to the meeting and asked for nominations from the floor for each office. All of the officers were reelected; two ballots were required to select the Eastern At-Large Directors.

Old Business

Resolutions. The resolutions adopted at the July meeting in Albuquerque, NM were sent to the Commands of each Service and to the DNRC. Responses to these resolutions are discussed below.

1. Public Awareness: The DNRC did not feel that action was needed on this issue.

2. Land Condition Trend Analysis: The DNRC established an ad hoc committee which sent a letter from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense to the DoD R&D Directorate encouraging more funding for developing this program. Don Bandel stated that a peer review of the technique will be conducted soon by persons outside of DoD. At that time the other services will be invited to participate to determine if they want to incorporate this technology or modify it for their programs.

3. Law Enforcement Training: Don Cole reported that they had reviewed the training options used in the past, i.e. the 3-week course at Fort Carson and the 9-week Glencoe course. Glencoe was not receptive to the idea of developing a 4-week course at their facility. The DNRC recommends using the 9-week Glencoe course until the training issue is resolved. The US Fish and Wildlife Service also recommended the Glencoe course. Steve Emmons stated that this is the best basic law enforcement course available and it is directed toward natural resource managers. Training is also needed for liability protection. Training requirements for short-term wardens differ from those of career personnel, and there is a need for three types of courses: basic, wildlife specific, and refresher. Don requested input from interested persons. The USFWS will not renew expiring Deputy US Game Warden commissions. John Bardwell, USFWS, stated that a Memorandum of Understanding is needed between the USFWS Regional Director and the installation Commander to identify those persons eligible for commissions. Tom Poole suggested that state law enforcement training courses could also be used. Jim Sabo suggested that the service MP schools are another possibility.

Newsletter. Chester Martin: Two issues of the newsletter were mailed (September 1988 and January 1989) to those members those who had updated their membership records in 1988. Three issues are planned during the coming 12 months at an

estimated cost of \$1200. Members were encouraged to submit articles to the editor. In response to queries from private businesses, the Board determined that commercial advertising in the newsletter would not be appropriate. The editor reported that HQ, US Air Force sent the Association a complimentary letter on the newsletter.

Awards. Ron Dow: The At-Large Directors served as this year's committee. As in the past, there was limited direct input from the Association members to the committee in the form of nominations. Five plaques and one certificate were presented at the Awards Banquet.

Poster Session. Slader Buck: The Navy, Marines, and Air Force submitted material for this year's North American Poster Session. We have two options to consider for future displays, a DoD or an NMFWA orientation. Suggestions from the members included: (1) make the display materials available for other meetings; (2) develop an NMFWA display for meetings; (3) align the poster materials to reflect the program theme for the Association's annual meeting; (4) acquire permanent display materials for use in addition to the annual meeting display; and (5) have displays for both local meetings and Armed Forces meetings. President Larry Adams will appoint a committee to develop these suggestions.

At-Large Directors Reports and Related Comments. Kim Mello stated that At-Large Directors will send letters to their constituents again this year; they are also considering a survey of members. Tom Wray and Bob Progulski expressed thanks for those who supported their efforts as At-Large Directors.

Other Items. Larry Adams reported that the Association had donated \$100 to the USFWS Law Enforcement Helicopter Fund as approved by the membership at the July 1988 meeting. Gene Stout thanked attendees for their help with the meeting and reminded everyone to complete and turn in their evaluation form. He also urged members to actively support the 1990 program chairman. There was a general discussion of publicizing Association activities and the role of professionals in DoD natural resources management. Several persons commented on the need to know who is who and where to contact them. It was agreed that the Association should consider expanding its role in the international arena of conservation affairs.

New Business

Tom Warren outlined the procedure for handling resolutions and then moved for consideration of the proposed resolutions (see pages 8-9). The motion carried.

Tom Warren introduced the Firearms Resolution. After considerable discussion of the need for carrying firearms and appropriate training, the resolution was amended and adopted. A Resolution on Professional Certification for Law Enforcement Personnel was introduced by Chester Martin and adopted as written.

Patty Worthing presented background information on the Rainforest Resolution and stated that the Association should make its position on issues known. The resolution was amended to indicate NMFWA support for increased protection of rainforests. After a lengthy discussion on the potential problems and values of endangered species introductions and several wording amendments, the resolution was adopted.

The consensus on the above resolutions was that the Association, as a professional organization, needs to make its position known on the various conservation issues confronting resource managers. The members also recognized that our Commanders' views are often different from those of natural resources personnel. However,

although we work for the DoD, we also have ethical responsibilities as resource managers, and resolutions are a means of expressing our joint concerns on issues.

Bob Struckmeier announced that applications are available for the Law Enforcement Training Course to be held at Fort Leonard Wood, 19-23 June 1989. This is a refresher course with firearms certification available. The meeting was adjourned at 1135.

NFWFA Board Meeting, 23 March 1989

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Adams. In addition to the Board members, Doug Ripley, Deck Major, Rich LeClerc, Jeff Bossart, and Mark Littlefield were in attendance.

Committee positions were discussed. Ron Dow will continue as chairman of the Awards Committee; his first order of business will be to prepare news releases on the 1989 awards. Chester Martin will serve as Newsletter Committee Chairman. President Adams will appoint a committee to study membership fees/dues. Bob Struckmeier will serve on the Law Enforcement Committee. Rich LeClerc, Mark Littlefield, and Deck Major will also be appointed to committees.

Slader Buck invited participation on the By-laws Committee. Proposed changes must be published before the annual meeting and the Board must act on the proposed changes before they can be published. Therefore, early action and communication is needed if proposals are to be ready in time for the January FAWN. Gene Stout, Tom Warren, Christina Ramsey, Thomas Vorac, Jeff Bossart, and Vicki Davis will assist with the By-Laws Committee.

Doug Ripley was appointed Program Chairman for the 1990 meeting to be held in Denver, CO. He will be assisted by Al Pfister and Mike Babler.

FAWN publication is tentatively scheduled for May, September, and January. Chester Martin will distribute a meeting summary to other publications.

Larry Adams asked about developing a guide to establish procedures for installation hunting programs. Discussion led to a suggestion that the topic be considered for next year's meeting instead of put into a guide, since regulations and local conditions vary greatly among states.

Correspondence issues and postage were discussed. The consensus was to use discretion until official guidance is received or restrictions imposed.

There was considerable discussion on a proposal for the NFWFA to meet in conjunction with a DoD Natural Resources Management Conference in the spring of 1991. A major concern was that meeting with DoD rather than with a professional society could reduce the Association's technical contacts. It was also noted that meeting with a professional organization enhances our credibility and reduces costs. Other meetings that were recommended for consideration for NFWFA affiliation in 1991 were the Southeastern, Midwestern, or Northeastern Fish and Wildlife conferences. However, fall meetings should be avoided, as it would be preferable to stabilize time intervals between meetings.

President Adams stated that the Association needs to keep its meeting options open at present and that he would communicate with Christina Ramsey regarding the various proposals before a final decision is made. The Board unanimously agreed that the NFWFA must maintain its own identity regardless of where and with whom we meet.

It was commented that the Association needs to get its meeting on a list of approved/recommended training courses.

Larry Adams requested that all Board and committee members supply their home addresses and phone numbers to the other Board members to facilitate communication. The meeting was adjourned at 1215.

NEW RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions below were presented, discussed, and adopted at the NMFWA meeting in Washington, DC.

Arming Defense Natural Resources Law Enforcement Personnel

WHEREAS, Natural Resource Law Enforcement is critical to the mission of the members of the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association, and

WHEREAS, such enforcement is inherently dangerous as proven nationwide by fatality rates which are comparable to those of narcotics agents, and

WHEREAS, virtually all professional law enforcement officers are armed for self protection and protection of the public, and

WHEREAS, some installations have a policy of not allowing civilian natural resources enforcement personnel to carry appropriate firearms to conduct their mission, safeguard the public, and protect themselves.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association, in its Annual Meeting on March 23, 1989 in Washington, DC, requests the Department of Defense to authorize all civilian natural resources law enforcement officers to carry firearms and to provide the training needed to properly and legally utilize such firearms.

Professional Certification for Natural Resources Law Enforcement Personnel

WHEREAS, natural resources law enforcement personnel represent an important constituent of the fish and wildlife work force on Department of Defense installations, and

WHEREAS, an accreditation program does not presently exist that provides professional status to qualified natural resources law enforcement personnel, and

WHEREAS, The Wildlife Society, in its annual business meeting on 20 March 1989 in Washington, DC, voted to appoint a committee to investigate the development of a certification program for fish and wildlife law enforcement professionals,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association, in its annual business meeting on 23 March 1989 in Washington, DC, develop a position statement in support of a certification program that recognizes the professional status of natural resources law enforcement personnel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this position statement, agreed to by the Board and signed by the President, be provided to the President of The Wildlife Society and his appointed committee, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association seek representation on the Wildlife Society's Committee to investigate certification for enforcement personnel.

Tropical Deforestation

WHEREAS, The rapid destruction of tropical rainforests has become a major concern of our society impacting our global environment and the maintenance of genetic and biological diversity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association supports increased protection of tropical rainforests.

Introduction of Endangered Species on Military Lands

WHEREAS, it is National policy and law to protect and enhance those flora and fauna species which are classified as threatened or endangered, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense as a federal agency is responsible for the protection and enhancement of threatened and endangered species on military installations, and

WHEREAS, a major tool for achievement of goals associated with endangered species programs involves introducing these species into suitable habitats, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has lands which provide suitable habitats for reintroduction of threatened and endangered species, and

WHEREAS, endangered species can be managed to avoid/minimize impacts to the military mission, and

WHEREAS, the presence of endangered species on military installations has proven invaluable in assisting installations in resisting encroachment from surrounding communities and local governments, and

WHEREAS, endangered species programs can provide invaluable educational opportunities for military personnel and dependents, and

WHEREAS, the protection and enhancement of endangered species can create significant beneficial public relations opportunities for military installations and can contribute significantly to the improvement of military relations with the local community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association urges the Department of Defense to be responsive to and seek out opportunities for expansion of endangered species programs, including the reintroduction of those species into suitable habitats on military installations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Defense encourage Commands to be responsive to and seek out expansion and reintroduction opportunities on their installations as a tool to improve, protect, and enhance the military presence, mission, and morale on military installations.

NMFWA AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Awards Committee received a total of nine nominations for consideration at the Sixth Annual Meeting. This was an outstanding response due largely to the efforts of members of the Board of Directors. Western At-Large Directors Kim Mello and Scott Klinger distributed a newsletter to their constituents which helped to renew the request for nominations in the FAWN. The nominees and a brief description of their achievements are given below.

After paying meeting related expenses of \$3938.91, the Association had a bank balance of \$2803.20. An additional \$550.00 in registration fees has been billed and will be added to the account when received. Expenses since the meeting have been \$72.71 for printing stationery and envelopes and \$30.00 for postage. Anticipated newsletter expenses are \$1200 for 3 issues during the next 12 months.

Other activities have including updating the membership list, preparing final copies of the minutes of the general meeting and Board of Directors meeting, preparing and distributing a meeting news release, and preparing copies of the resolutions adopted at the annual meeting with a cover letter to send to the appropriate command level officials. Copies of these items are also available from your At-Large Directors.

Note: It has become apparent that a handbook for the Secretary/Treasurer of this Association would be very helpful to those elected to this office in future years. I intend to prepare one this summer and suggest that the Program Chairman and Newsletter Editor do the same for their positions. Other officers may want to do something similar for their successors. -- Richard Griffiths, Secretary/Treasurer

NEWS BRIEFS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wildlife Law Enforcement Course Handbook

Copies of the handbooks prepared for a wildlife law enforcement training session are available for purchase from NMFVA. Information on officer survival, enforcement methods, field forensic techniques, weapons training and maintenance, furbearer trapping techniques, waterfowl identification, and federal wildlife laws is bound into a three-ringed binder. There are 6 of these one-volume handbooks available at \$25.00 each. In addition, 4 two-volume sets are also available at \$40.00 per set. The two-volume sets include a large section on legal topics such as civil liabilities, detention and arrest laws, testifying in court, executing search warrants, defensive tactics and other basic law enforcement topics, in addition to the information contained in the one-volume handbook. Orders or requests for additional information should be addressed to Steve Emmons at HQ, Fort Carson and 4th Inf Div (Mech), ATTN: AFZC-FE-ENR (Bldg. 304), Fort Carson, CO 80913-5023, phone (719) 579-2752 or 4828 or AUTOVON 691-2752/4828. Checks should be made payable to "NMFVA".

NMFVA Members Elected to NWF Board

Gene Stout, Fort Sill, OK, and Tom Warren, Fort Carson, CO, were elected to the Board of Directors of the National Wildlife Federation at the Federation's annual meeting on 16-19 March 1989, in Washington, DC. Gene was elected as Central Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Tom will serve as Regional Director for the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah.

TWS Conservation Education Award

The Wildlife Society is now accepting nominations for the 1989-90 Conservation Education Award in the category of "programs." The Conservation Education Award encompasses the broad field of renewable resources conservation and management, but wildlife is expected to be the focus of nominated works. The award may be presented to individuals who have made important contributions to conservation education through the development or implementation of a sustained program that can achieve significance over the years. Examples of program accomplishments could include

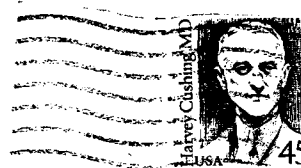
publication through written or electronic media, technical reports, professional articles, results of program evaluation, and/or other media representative of the program as a whole. Candidate programs that have achieved results and matured since 1986 will be eligible for competition. Evaluation criteria for nominations will include purpose, conservation message, geographical scope, originality, quality of materials, presentation and layout, and impact on the public.

A nomination statement and 5 complete copies of the materials should be sent to the following address: Delwin E. Benson, Extension Wildlife Specialist, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Room 109 Wagar Building, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO 80523 (phone - 303/491-6411). The additional copies are necessary to facilitate timely review of nominations by the judging committee. All nominations must be received no later than 15 September 1989, but submittals should be made as early as possible to permit adequate review. The nomination statement should include a point of contact and commercial phone number, name and affiliation of nominee, explanation of the intent and application of the program, and any other information considered relevant to the committee's deliberations. Because of the volume of materials expected and the lengthy review process, materials usually cannot be returned.

EDITOR'S NOTE

It was necessary to make this issue of FAWN entirely a business issue because of the need to publish the results of the NMFWA annual meeting. The next issue will consist predominantly of articles submitted by installation personnel; several articles have already been received and will be updated prior to publication. Please submit additional articles and announcements no later than 15 August to meet the deadline for the next issue.

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