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Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission to Meet *60th preserve to be dedicated*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 11, 2011) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will conduct a public meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 24, in the conference room of the commission, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort.

KSNPC will note a milestone in its 35-year history when it dedicates the 192-acre Blood River State Nature Preserve. The preserve, located in Calloway County, is the 60th preserve to be dedicated by the commission, allowing for the protection of a rare acid seep community and the endemic Blood River crayfish. Currently, the commission manages over 25,000 acres of land throughout Kentucky.

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system. The commission also protects biological diversity and educates Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation.

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