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Dear FrogWatch USA Volunteers,

February 1st Marks the First day of the 2014 FrogWatch USA Season!

Although much of the United States is currently experiencing a deep chill, we know that frogs and toads will be calling and breeding at the first hints of spring. We are grateful to know that volunteers across the country are eager to listen for these seasonal calls and to report their FrogWatch USA observations. Thank you for your passion and dedication! We think this will be an exciting season.

FrogWatch USA in Your Community

FrogWatch USA has over 100 chapters across the country, ready to help you learn the calls of local species and maximize your experience in the program. Chapters are springing up in areas where very little monitoring has been done before and we're eager to learn which species are calling and when. Find a [chapter](#) near you!



We're Online!

FrogWatch USA is unveiling a new online site registration and data entry platform, [FrogWatch-FieldScope](#), developed in partnership with the National Geographic Society and tested over the past two seasons by volunteers in Maryland, Ohio, Oregon, and Wisconsin. In addition to entering your own observations, you can use maps and graphs to explore your observations along with those of volunteers throughout the country. Chapter coordinators can help you navigate this system, as can the tutorial videos available on the FrogWatch USA [YouTube Channel](#) and narrated project maps and graphs.

Returning volunteers are already in the system; just click the "login" link at the top right corner of [FrogWatch-FieldScope](#), enter your email, and request a new password by selecting the "forgot your password" link. Because this is a new platform, we encourage you to review AZA's [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Use](#). We are gradually adding all of the historic FrogWatch USA data to the system, and many of you will not see your data yet. Please be patient with us and [contact us](#) if you do not see your historic site in the system, if additional support is needed, or whenever you have questions or comments.



We hope you like all of these new resources and look forward to working with you this season. In the meantime, keep up to date by following FrogWatch USA on [Facebook](#), reviewing the calls of the frogs and toads in your community and the [FrogWatch USA monitoring protocols](#), and get ready for Spring!

All the best,

The AZA FrogWatch USA Team