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ACQUISITION OF 9,895 ACRES OF LAND FOR U. S. WILDLIFE REFUGES APPROVED

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The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission has approved the acquisition by the U. S. Biological Survey of 9,895 acres of land in 14 wildlife refuges at a total cost of \$84,884. All the lands are within the exterior boundaries of refuges already established, and their acquisition is regarded as necessary to round out these refuges and facilitate administration.

The Commission approved purchase of these lands at a meeting in Washington on June 14, attended by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, chairman; Oscar L. Chapman, assistant secretary of the Department of Interior, representing Secretary Ickes; Glen C. Leach, of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, representing Secretary of Commerce Roper; and Representative Sam D. McReynolds, of Tennessee.

Lands approved for purchase are on the following refuges: White River Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Ark.; Turnbull Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Wash.; Swan Lake Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Mo.; Elk Refuge, Wyo.; Seney Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Mich.; Delta Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, La.; Mooschorn Migratory Bird Refuge, Maine; Upper Souris Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, N. Dak.; Bombay Hook Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Del.; Tamarac Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Minn.; Charles Sheldon Antelope Refuge, Nev.; Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Utah; Valentine Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Nebr.; and Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge, Ore.

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