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KENTUCKY LAND USE PROJECT GOES TO BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

Permanent supervision of the 50,000-acre Coalins Forest Land Utilization Project in Kentucky, developed by the Farm Security and former Resettlement Administrations, has been assigned by Executive Order to the Bureau of Biological Survey and named the Kentucky Woodlands Wildlife Refuge.

Lying between the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers in Trigg and Lyons Counties, the project has been developed to demonstrate better methods of using land unsuited to farming. Submarginal crop lands have been removed from cultivation and, together with other tracts, have been devoted principally to wildlife conservation and forestry.

Parts of the new refuge that are adapted to the use of waterfowl will be improved by impounding water and planting aquatic food and cover plants. Upland areas will be managed for the production of white-tailed deer, wild turkey, quail, and other small game. A good-sized deer herd has been built up in recent years by the introduction of brood stock. Wild turkey, quail, and other small game also inhabit the area.

Wildlife investigations will be conducted at the refuge and trial management areas set up for demonstrating how information obtained in research may be applied in a practical manner on other lands in the vicinity. With the cooperation of the Works Progress Administration, considerable work has already been completed on the project to adapt it to its future uses.