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CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPROVES MORE LAND FOR 20 WILDLIFE REFUGES

The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission has approved the expenditure of \$349,466 to acquire 48,502 acres of land to be added to 20 existing refuges administered by the Bureau of Biological Survey in 15 States, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced today. In addition, approval was given to lease one tract of 640 acres.

The largest acquisitions were authorized in Oregon, where 20,323 acres are to be added to the Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge, near Lakeview, and 14,751 acres to the Malheur Migratory Bird Refuge, near Burns.

Other Biological Survey refuges where land will be added are as follows: White River Refuge, St. Charles, Ark., 960 acres; St. Marks Refuge, St. Marks, Fla., 96; Chautauqua Refuge, Havana, Ill., 30; Sabine Refuge, Sulphur, La., 438; Seney Refuge, Germfask, Mich., 240; Tamarac Refuge, Rochert, Minn., 7,107; Swan Lake Refuge, Sumner, Mo., 885; Crescent Lake Refuge, Ellsworth, Nebr., 720; and Bitter Lakes Refuge, Roswell, N. Mex., 1,560 acres.

Arrowwood Refuge, Kensal, N. Dak., 5 acres; Des Lacs Refuge, Kenmare, N. Dak., 9; Lower Souris Refuge, Upham, N. Dak., 480; Upper Souris Refuge, Foxholm, N. Dak., 74; Lake Andes Refuge, Lake Andes, S. Dak., 80; Lake Isom Refuge, Hornbeak, Tenn., 325; Skagit Refuge, Mt. Vernon, Wash., 89;

Willapa Refuge, Naselle, Wash., 201; and Hutton Lake Refuge, Laramie, Wyo., 40 acres. About 640 acres adjoining the Fort Niobrara Refuge, Valentine, Nebr., will be leased.

Members of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission are: Secretary of the Interior Ickes, Chairman; Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace; Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins; Senator Key Pittman, of Nevada; Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon; Representative James Wolfenden, of Pennsylvania; Representative John J. Cochran, of Missouri; and Rudolph Diefenbach, of the Bureau of Biological Survey, secretary.

The Commission operates in accordance with the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of 1929 which authorized appropriations for establishment of a Federal system of inviolate sanctuaries for migratory birds. Appropriations under this Act, together with funds from Duck Stamp sales and from other sources have resulted in the most extensive bird refuge system in the world.

Refuges of all kinds administered by the Biological Survey now total 266 with more than 13,500,000 acres - including 16 with more than 4,000,000 acres in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The system includes 144 for waterfowl; 63 for other migratory birds; 18 for wildlife in general; 29 for non-game birds chiefly, and 12 for big game.