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ESTABLISH NEW WILDLIFE RESEARCH STATION IN WEST

The re-establishment of a wildlife research station at Ogden, Utah, to perfect a clear understanding of deer-livestock relationships on western ranges was reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Clarence M. Aldous, biologist who for the past 5 years has headed the Maine Wildlife Cooperative Research Unit, will be transferred with headquarters at the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, Ogden, Utah, where he will cooperate with the U. S. Forest Service and other Federal and State agencies in the development of a research program designed to study the relations of deer and livestock on western ranges.

He will also resume investigations begun in Utah in 1930 dealing with the economics of rodents on range-grass production and with rodents as a factor in soil erosion.

The work will attempt to learn the maximum rodent population that can be carried on a range without being economically destructive and, also, to determine at what point control measures are warranted.

John Pearce, biologist who worked on forest-wildlife relationships in New England with headquarters at the Northeast Forest Experiment Station, New Haven,

Connecticut, will become the new head of the Maine Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, with headquarters at the University of Maine, Orono.

Continues Investigations in Northeast

As new leader of the Maine Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Pearce will continue investigations in various forest-wildlife relations. He will also assist in directing the training of advance students and carry on research projects on game and fur species and types of plant management peculiar to New England. He will continue to direct projects formerly carried on from New Haven.

The cooperative unit is sponsored by the American Wildlife Institute, the Maine Inland Fish and Game Commission, the University of Maine, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. Pearce has had wide experience in the northeast. He previously headed the cooperative work at the Forest Experiment Station in New Haven.