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McKAY ANNOUNCES FISH AND WILDLIFE REQUIREMENTS  
PROVIDED FOR UNDER INTERIOR REAL ESTATE POLICY

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay announced today that provision has been made for the acquisition of lands near Federal reservoir projects to replace wildlife habitat destroyed by the reservoirs, under the recently adopted real estate policy. Under this policy, the Department of the Interior will support full restitution of fish and wildlife habitat which may be lost as a result of building Federal river basin projects.

"As I have stated on several occasions in my public announcements and addresses throughout the country," Secretary McKay said, "the Department of the Interior, under my administration, considers the protection and development of our fish and wildlife resources to be as essential as irrigation, flood control, and navigation in river development projects."

Director John L. Farley of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service pointed out that the Coordination Act of 1946 authorizes Federal construction agencies to acquire compensatory lands to replace fish and wildlife habitat lost as a result of reservoir construction. Director Farley said that the Fish and Wildlife Service, under the authority of the Coordination Act, would see to it that all opportunities for preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife resources are utilized in river basin developments. Director Farley added that the Nation, with its growing population, needs to preserve and enhance its fish and wildlife resources as well as to develop irrigation, electric power, and flood control.

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