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KUSKOKWIM NATIONAL WILDLIFE RANGE RENAMED TO HONOR CLARENCE RHODE

The Kuskokwim National Wildlife Range, newly created Alaskan wildlife range, was renamed today for Clarence Rhode, Department of the Interior Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife Regional Director, who lost his life in the summer of 1958 on an official airplane survey flight.

Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton today signed an order renaming the range for the Juneau, Alaska, pilot and conservationist who was engaged in a study of the boundaries and development of the then proposed range at the time he disappeared in flight. Neither Rhode nor his plane has ever been found, and he has since been officially declared dead.

Secretary Seaton had flown with Rhode on numerous occasions, while on Alaskan inspection trips.

Assistant Secretary Ross Leffler, and Bureau Director Dan H. Janzen, in proposing the range be renamed to honor Rhode, pointed out that "his years of outstanding administrative work in preserving Alaska wildlife resources, his studies and proposals for a system of Alaska refuges and ranges," and his enlistment of State and private conservation agencies in support of the establishment of the Kuskokwim and other ranges, "add up to a compelling justification in naming the great Kuskokwim Delta waterfowl producing region the "Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range."

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