



wintering birds. Where approximately 7,000 Canada geese, mallards, pintails, black ducks, ring-necked ducks, and wood ducks now use this area, the refuge, following development, is expected to support peak concentrations of 40,000 birds.

The Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge is located along the Green River in the northwestern corner of Colorado. It is about 25 miles below the Flaming Gorge Dam and just north of Dinosaur National Monument. Browns Park has long been an excellent waterfowl nesting and resting area. Backwater sloughs and old oxbows filled by spring overflow from the Green River provide ideal habitat for waterfowl. This area is one of the primary nesting places for the endangered Great Basin Canada goose.

Control of Green River waters by the Flaming Gorge Dam will effectively stop the overflows that maintain the extensive marshes. Refuge development plans call for the construction of water control structures that will bring water from the Green River into the lakes and marshes, and permit changing the water levels for maximum attractiveness to waterfowl.

Refuge-grown grain crops and green browse will ensure sufficient food for spring and fall flights of ducks and geese through the area. Under full operation, the Browns Park Refuge should produce 10,000 ducks and 1,000 geese annually, and it is expected to accommodate up to 40,000 ducks and 5,000 geese at the height of migration.

In announcing the new authorizations, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, who is Chairman of the Commission, said, "Funds for the purchase of refuge lands come from the sale of duck stamps to waterfowl hunters and from a Congressional loan fund to be repaid from duck stamp receipts."

Other members of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission are Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges, United States Senator Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska, United States Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana, Congressman Frank L. Karsten of Missouri, and Congressman Leon H. Gavin of Pennsylvania.

Ex officio members of the Commission representing the States involved at today's meeting were: Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director, Wildlife Resources Commission, North Carolina; Harry R. Woodward, Director, Game, Fish and Parks Department, Colorado; W. J. Everin, Director, Fish and Game Commission, Montana; Wayne H. Olson, Commissioner, Department of Conservation, Minnesota; Frank W. Groves, Director, Fish and Game Commission, Nevada; Cliff Millenbach, Assistant Chief, Division of Fisheries, Department of Game, Washington; and L. A. Davenport, Game Division, Department of Conservation, Michigan.

X X X