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COMMISSION APPROVES ADDITION TO WILDLIFE REFUGE IN COLORADO

The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission has approved purchase of a 2,954-acre addition to the Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado, the Department of the Interior announced today.

The refuge, operated by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, presently consists of 4,432 acres. It is located on the Illinois River, two miles south of Walden, Colo., in Jackson County.

The area long has been noted as a major waterfowl production area. The primary nesting species is the mallard, with lesser numbers of gadwall, cinnamon teal, and shoveler. This also is one of the few places in Colorado where nesting canvasback and scaup are found, as well as redhead and ruddy ducks.

The Commission passes on proposed land acquisitions from funds collected through the sale of duck stamps.

Members of the Commission are Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel (chairman), Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin, Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, Senator Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma, Senator Joseph Tydings of Maryland, Representative Silvio Conte of Massachusetts, and Representative John Dingell of Michigan.

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