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MERWIN A. MARSTON TO HEAD
DENVER REGIONAL OFFICE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton announced today that Merwin A. Marston, 54, has been appointed regional director of the Fish and Wildlife Service at its new Denver office, opening January 3.

That office eventually will direct the Service's operations in 10 States: Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. There are 135 field stations in this regional area, including 42 major national wildlife refuges and 18 national fish hatcheries.

Assisting Marston in the new office will be Lowell Harrison, 53, who presently heads the Service's Division of Management Analysis in Washington. Harrison, originally from Minnesota, has been with the wildlife agency for 32 years.

Marston joined the Service in 1949 and spent 14 years in the Northeast regional office at Boston. He moved to Washington to direct the Service's Division of Federal Aid for nine years. In recent months he has been an assistant to the Service's acting director, Spencer Smith. Marston attended the University of Maine, where he received a B.S. in 1937 and an M.S. in 1942 in Wildlife Conservation.

The Denver office will consist of Marston, Harrison and a secretary when it opens. Additional workers will be added in July and the staff is expected to grow to about 60 persons by January 1973 when it becomes fully operational.

Secretary Morton said this is another of the actions by the Department of the Interior in accommodating to the uniform system of Federal regional offices and boundaries established by the President.

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