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Division of Game and Bird Conservation

IN REPLY REFER TO

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Quarterly report on Malheur Lake Bird Reservation on wild life and activities appurtenant thereto.

*Original*

No. 1. Wild life observed during second quarters, October, November, December, 1932. Canadian Geese, White Fronted geese, Snow geese, probably other species but I did not observe any. Mallards, Pintail, Gadwall, Cinnamon Teal, Green Wing teal, Redhead, Spoonbill, Ruddy, Baldpate, Lesser Scaup, Canvas-back, Buffle head, Golden eye, Coots. Most all the birds during this period were on migration flight. Swan arriving about Oct. 19, and all was gone Dec. 17, except those that were too poor to leave. The Canadian geese average about 6000 during the entire period some going and coming. All species ducks average 50000 with a continuous movement going and coming. Most of the ducks was gone by Dec. 9, and by Dec. 31, there was only about 400 Canadian geese left on reservation, I believe there is a much larger number elsewhere in valley. Practically all the insectivorous <sup>birds</sup> passed through during this period, also the waders. I banded ~~377~~ ducks during this period.

Animal life  
No 2. Same as last report or first quarter .

No 3. Reptile life in hibernation

No 1. Grazing-- Practically the entire area of Malheur and Mud lake was grazed over during this period, out side of the water area , probably 5000 head of stock grazed over this area including Cattle, Horses, and sheep.

No 2. Protection-- Ford light truck used for patrolling reservation during this period. I apprehended 3 hunters out on reservation hunting , no game in possession, report same to Bureau. Four other persons was caught going out on reservation to hunt. They were turned back and warned not to hunt out there any more. Another car escaped in a fog with several hunters, no birds was killed in either case . No fires was started during this period on reservation. ~~Banded 352 ducks during this period~~ The water in lake was too low to patrol in motor boat, short distance being made in light rowe boat.

No 3. Improvement and development-- None of any important.

No 4. Public relation-- Many visitors called at station and was given all the courtesy possible, some was shown the banding operation , others was taken to where they ~~they~~ could see thousands of ducks and geese . No meetings was attended during this period.

No 5. Miscellaneous Activities-- Repairing fence around banding trap and repair road leading to boat house. Mounting few hawks for office display . Hauling grain for feeding the birds that have not migrated and some were too poor to leave. A new Ford was supplied to take the place of the old model T. At the close of this period there is no snow in the valley and very little in the Mts.

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