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BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

IN REPLY REFER TO

R-Malheur
Quarterly report.

Malheur Lake Bird Reservation
Voltage Oregon. October 17, 1932.

Chief,
Bureau Biological Survey
Washington D.C.

Dear sir:

July - Sept 1932

Inclose is my first quarter report of Malheur Lake Bird reservation
Please inform me if this report is what is wanted. Please send me a copy
done in the right way. I would suggest that it be simplify as much as
possible.

Very sincerely

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Division of Game and Bird Conservation

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

No 1. Wild life observed during period, first quarter. July, August, September 1932. Canadian geese. White fronted geese, Mallards, Pintail, Gadwall, Cinnamon Teal, Green wing Teal, Blue wing Teal, Redhead, Spoonbill, Loons, Ruddy, Baldpate, all nesting on reservation. Insectivorous observed, Robbin, Meadow lark, Doves, Blackbirds, Yellowheads, and many other species. Practicall all the birds mention nest on reservation. Pintail ducks and White fronted geese were migrant visitors during this period.

No 2. Animal life consist. Coyotes, Skunk, Mink, Weasel, Badger, Porcupine, The Coyotes is a distructive animal to birds life, the Skunk, Mink, weasel are ~~is~~ considered very distructive, all of them are valuable for there fur. The Muskrat not very distructive to bird life but has a valuable skin.

No 3. Peptile life consist of what is known locally, water snake. In summer time they can be found all arround the reservation. I consider them very distructive to the small insectivorous birds. No value only for the insects they consume.

No 1. Grazing-- About 4,000 head of domestic animals grazed over the reservat ion during this period. In some areas the grass is practically consumed, other area feed good.

No 2. Protection--An Auto is used to patrol reservation on land and a boat is used to patrol the water area. No violators was apprehended during this period. Every body living on and in vicinity of reservation use all precaution aganst fire. If a fire breaks out every body makes for that area with barrels on trucks filled with water. There is no regular fire fighting apparatus on reservation.

No 2. Improvement and development. None of any important during this period

No 4. Public relation- Visitors was directed to various parts of reservation where bird life was of most interesting, they were taken to the banding trap and shown the method of trapping the ducks and the method in banding them. I Also attend public meetings on behalf of the reservation, and I interest young people in conservation work.

No 5. Miscellaneous Activities -- Posting and renewing signs on boundry is carried on when needed, Photographing birds eggs and any thing of interest to the bureau. During this period I picked up 515 sick ducks and saved 322 ~~and~~ banded and released them. Winter fuel is piled up for a year a head during this period. A campaign is waged aganst Predatory birds and animals. all equipment kept up in good condition. I mainte in a frindly relation with all conserved.

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