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**WATERFOWL SHOOTING PERMITTED  
ON PARTS OF UPPER MISSISSIPPI**

Under a recent order of the Secretary of Agriculture, waterfowl shooting is permitted during the present hunting season on parts of the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge, in accordance with the provisions of the migratory-bird treaty act and the regulations thereunder, with State laws, and with regulations governing the use of the refuge.

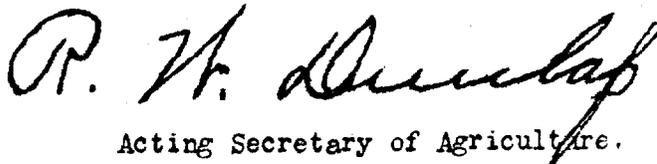
The order permits hunting over navigable waters and meandered lakes only. Thus it has the effect of preventing shooting on marshlands and ponds, and on these areas waterfowl will have sanctuary. This reservation was authorized by Congress chiefly to provide a refuge for wild life but at the same time to afford a place that the public might enjoy for hunting and other recreational purposes, so far as consistent with the main objects for which the reservation was made. Hunting on private lands within the limits of the refuge is not affected by the order. It relates to waterfowl shooting only and does not permit the taking of other wild life on the reservation.

ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE PERMITTING HUNTING ON  
CERTAIN PARTS OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER WILD-LIFE  
AND FISH REFUGE.

Pursuant to Section (a) of Regulation 1-A of the "Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture in Respect of Wild Birds, Game Animals, Fur-Bearing Animals, Wild Flowers, and Aquatic Plants" public hunting of waterfowl for the hunting season of 1927, in accordance with the laws of the States under which hunting is conducted, and in accordance with the Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Regulations governing the Reservation, is hereby permitted on the navigable waters and meandered lakes within the Refuge except on the Bellevue-Savanna National Forest in the State of Illinois, and except on the meandered lakes in Sections 30 and 31, Township 101 N., Range 3 W., 5th P.M., Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36, Township 101 N., Range 4 W., 5th P.M., Sections 12 and 13, Township 103 N., Range 4 W., 5th P.M., Sections 23 and 24, Township 104 N., Range 4 W., 5th P.M., Sections 21, 26, 27 and 28, Township 107 N., Range 7 W., 5th P.M., Sections 8, 9, 16, and 17, Township 109 N., Range 9 W., 5th P.M., all in the State of Minnesota.

Hunting is not permitted on the Reservation except over navigable waters and meandered lakes as provided. Hunting on private lands within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation is not affected by this order but is subject to such provisions of the State laws and Migratory Bird Treaty Act as may apply.

This order shall become effective October 1, 1927.

  
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

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Washington, D.C., October 1, 1927.