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HOOVER CREATES WILD-LIFE REFUGE  
IN SALTON SEA AREA, CALIFORNIA

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President Hoover, by an Executive order of November 25, 1930, has set aside as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds the Government lands in the southern part of Salton Sea, in Imperial County, Calif. The lands involved have been withdrawn for reclamation purposes in connection with the Yuma Reclamation Project in Arizona and California. They are primarily under the jurisdiction of the Department of Interior and are subject to its use for irrigation and other incidental purposes, but as a wild-life refuge they will be administered by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture.

This refuge, to be known as the Salton Sea Wild Life Refuge, attracts great numbers of waterfowl during their migrations and will constitute an important link in the network of refuges to be established in the west-coast region under the migratory bird conservation act of February 18, 1929. It will be unlawful to hunt within the area, or to trap, disturb, or kill any wild animal or bird of any kind; to take or destroy the eggs of any wild bird; to cut, burn, or destroy any timber, underbrush, grass, or other natural growth; to leave or suffer fire to burn unattended near any timber or other inflammable material; or to injure, molest, or destroy and property of the United States.

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