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BIG-GAME REFUGES GET
BENEFITS OF WPA WORK

Four Federal big-game preserves in North Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Oklahoma are being improved by the W.P.A. under the supervision of the U. S. Biological Survey. Many projects for improving wildlife habitat and facilitating administration of these areas already are completed.

Sully's Hill Game Preserve, near Devil's Lake, N. Dak., contains approximately 1,000 acres where buffalo, elk, white-tailed deer, as well as ring-necked pheasants, wild geese and ducks, and other species of birds, find sanctuary. Work began here in August, 1936, with a cleanup of brush, building repair, dam construction, and road building.

The Federal Elk Refuge, at Jackson, Wyo., contains 18,737 acres originally established for winter feeding of the elk of the southern Yellowstone herd. It also provides sanctuary for deer, as well as for sage grouse, wild ducks and geese, and other bird species. W.P.A. projects got under way here in December of last year. They have included the construction of fence, a log repair shop, and sheds for storing hay. During last March approximately 2,000 elk were fed hay.

Near Valentine, Nebr., is 20,000-acre Fort Niobrara Game Preserve, where buffalo, elk, deer, beaver, as well as sharp-tailed grouse and prairie chickens, are protected. Here, an extensive cleanup and landscaping project is now 90 percent completed. Other jobs include bridge building, fence repairing, and gully control.

The Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, a game preserve since 1905, comprises 61,480 acres devoted to the perpetuation of buffalo, elk, deer, a herd of Texas longhorn steers, as well as wild turkey, quail, prairie chickens, wild ducks and geese, and other migratory birds. It is located near Cache, Okla. Work on the Wichita Refuge began in August, 1936, with a project still under way--construction of a 3-mile mountain highway, from a point about two-and-a-half miles west of Medicine Park on the highway of that name, to the summit of Mount Scott.

Although not affected by the most recent emergency funds, a fifth Federal big-game refuge, the National Bison Range, near Moiese, Mont., has also benefited through W.P.A. activities. This refuge of 18,521 acres, is established primarily for bison; however, it offers sanctuary, also, for elk, deer, mountain sheep, beaver, as well as blue grouse and wild ducks.

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