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2,261-ACRE NORTH DAKOTA WITHDRAWAL APPROVED FOR WATERFOWL BREEDING AREA

The Department of the Interior today announced approval by Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton of an order proposing withdrawal of approximately 2,261 acres of public land in North Dakota for waterfowl breeding and nesting purposes.

According to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, which requested the application for withdrawal, this action supplements the program authorized by Congress in the most recent amendment of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, popularly known as the Duck Stamp Act. That amendment authorized the acquisition of small wetlands and pothole areas for waterfowl breeding and nesting purposes. The Bureau is presently engaged in a program of acquiring such lands in the States of North and South Dakota and Minnesota.

The lands are in 63 parcels ranging in size from less than one acre to 266 acres and are dispersed over 19 counties. The withdrawal closes the lands to all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws but not the mineral leasing laws. The lands will be administered by the Bureau.

Notice of the proposed withdrawal will be published in the Federal Register.

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