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PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED  
ON WILDERNESS PROPOSAL IN CALIFORNIA

A proposal to designate approximately 141 acres within the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge, San Francisco County, Calif., as a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System will be discussed at a public hearing October 30, in San Francisco, Calif., the Department of the Interior announced today.

The Farallon National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1909 and consists of 4 groups of small islands in the Pacific Ocean 28 miles off San Francisco. These rocky, precipitous islands comprise an important sea bird breeding area which makes a significant contribution to the bird life of the coastal region.

A map and other information about the Farallon Wilderness proposal is available from the Refuge Manager, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, Route 1, Box 311, Willows, California 95988, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Oral or written statements may be submitted at the hearing or written comments can be sent to the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in Portland, by December 15, when the hearing record will be closed.

The October 30 hearing begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Ceremonial Courtroom, Federal Building, San Francisco. Formal notice was published in the Federal Register on July 29, 1969.

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