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PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED ON WILDERNESS STUDY IN OREGON

Whether parts of Klamath Forest National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon should be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System will be discussed at a public hearing September 16 in Klamath Falls, Oregon, the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

A study conducted by the Service, which operates the national refuge system, indicated that dikes and other water control structures needed to enhance the marsh make the refuge area unsuitable for wilderness designation.

The 15,226-acre refuge supports thousands of nesting and migrating waterfowl and waterbirds.

A map and other information about the wilderness study are available from the Refuge Manager, Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges, Route 1, Box 74, Tule Lake, California 96134, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, 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 by October 16, 1972, when the hearing record will be closed.

The September 16 hearing begins at 9 a.m. at Auditorium, Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

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