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GENERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PLANS FOR TWO MISSOURI RESERVOIRS ANNOUNCED

Two "General Plans" for managing resident and other wildlife on approximately 58,200 acres of Federal reservoir project lands in southwestern Missouri have been approved by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, William E. Towell, Director of the Missouri Conservation Commission, and Assistant Secretary of the Army W. H. Schaub.

The lands were purchased by the Army's Corps of Engineers for constructing the Pomme de Terre reservoir project, part of the Missouri River Basin water-development plan, and for the Table Rock reservoir on the White River. Under the terms of the General Plans, the Missouri Conservation Commission, by transfer agreement with the Corps of Engineers, will assume administration of 6,900 acres of Pomme de Terre project lands and 51,300 acres purchased for the Table Rock reservoir. Important game species on these two area include squirrels, rabbits, and upland-game birds.

General Plans on Federal water-development projects are provided under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, which seeks to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources. Under the Coordination Act, the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, working with State game and fish departments, studies Federal water-development projects to determine their effect on fish and wildlife resources, to improve conditions, and to develop ways to offset any harmful effects.

Project area lands suitable for fish and wildlife management are recommended for administration by either a State game and fish department or the Fish and Wildlife Service. Areas with primary value for migratory waterfowl may become units of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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