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To Waterfowl Migration Group,
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Subject Sand Lake NWR Weekly Waterfowl Estimate - 10/6/2010

Waterfowl Estimates for Sand Lake NWR - 10/6/2010

Canada Geese - 1300

Snow Geese - 0

Ducks - 42,000

Swans - 80

Most of the ducks on the refuge are northern shovelers, with small numbers of gadwalls, pintails, wigeon, mallards, redheads, and green-winged teal. Several flocks of ringnecks and buffleheads were also observed during the count. The majority of ducks were using Sand Lake(the southern pool).

The first tundra swans were observed on the refuge on October 5. Most of the swans are also located in Sand Lake.

The soybean harvest is in full swing in the refuge area. So far, only several fields of corn have been harvested in the area.

Wetland conditions in Brown County are good and should provide excellent hunting opportunities.

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Waterfowl Estimates for Sand Lake NWR - 10/13/2010

Canada Geese - 1500

Snow Geese - 0

Ducks - 45,000

Swans - 80

There has been very little change in waterfowl numbers on Sand Lake NWR since last week. There are a few more gadwalls and a few flocks of canvasbacks have shown up on the refuge. The majority of ducks are still using Sand Lake(the southern pool).

All of the tundra swans currently on the refuge are located in Sand Lake, between State Highway 10 and the south end of the refuge.

Most of the soybean harvest is finished, and the corn harvest is just beginning in the refuge area.

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Waterfowl Estimates for Sand Lake NWR - 10/19/2010

Canada Geese - 1000

Snow Geese - 0

Ducks - 58,000

Swans - 190

More ducks have moved into the refuge since last week. Northern shovelers still make up the majority of the ducks, but more mallards, pintails, gadwalls, wigeons, and lesser scaup were observed. Most of the ducks continue to use Sand Lake (the southern pool). Several small flocks of mallards were seen feeding in nearby harvested corn fields.

Most of the swans seen today are located in Sand Lake, one to two miles south of State Highway 10.

Most of the soybean harvest is finished, and the corn harvest has begun.

Wetland conditions in Brown County are good, with good numbers of ducks, geese, and some swans scattered throughout the county.

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Waterfowl Estimates for Sand Lake NWR - 10/28/2010

Canada Geese - 2800

Snow Geese - 50,000

Ducks - 80,000

Swans - 250

The weather the last two days has moved more waterfowl into the Sand Lake area. Flocks of snow geese were seen flying over and sitting on the water in Sand Lake this morning. As of 1:00 PM today, there were 50,000 snow geese on Sand Lake with more in the area. Mallard numbers have picked up considerably, with good numbers on both Mud Lake(north pool) and Sand Lake(south pool). New flocks of Canada geese were also observed throughout the refuge.

Most of the swans are using Sand Lake, but some are starting to use Mud Lake.

The corn harvest is over 50% completed in the area. Flocks of snow geese and mallards were seen feeding in some of these fields this morning.

We reached a low of 22 degrees last night, which formed ice on parts of most wetlands. But temperatures are supposed to moderate after predicted lows in the teens tonight.

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Update(10/29/2010)

Just a quick update before the weekend....as of Friday afternoon(10/29/2010), there were approximately 100,000 snow geese on Sand Lake NWR, and more in the area.

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Waterfowl Estimates for Sand Lake NWR - 11/3/2010

Canada Geese - 3000

Snow Geese - 80,000

Ducks - 65,000

Swans - 520

Waterfowl numbers on the refuge have dropped some since the push from last weeks weather. Over the weekend, snow goose numbers were over 100,000 and duck numbers were 80,000 plus. The waterfowl have probably dispersed to the surrounding wetlands.

Swan numbers continue to increase in both Mud Lake and Sand Lake, as well as the wetlands in the refuge area.

The corn harvest is nearly completed in the area, and all wetlands are still open. Temperatures are predicted to cool down in the next few days, and then warm back up to highs in the 50's through the weekend.

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Waterfowl Estimates for Sand Lake NWR - 11/10/2010

Canada Geese - 3600

Snow Geese - 60,000

Ducks - 55,000

Swans - 1050

Snow goose and duck numbers on the refuge gradually dropped during the past week. Mallard, northern pintail, and green-winged teal are the primary duck species currently using the refuge.

Swan numbers are equally distributed between Mud Lake and Sand Lake.

Most of the harvest is complete in the area, and, as of today, all wetlands are still open. Temperatures are predicted to cool down the next few days, with lows mostly in the low twenties.

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Ducks - 65,000

Swans - 520

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Waterfowl Estimates for Sand Lake NWR - 11/17/2010

Canada Geese - 3000

Snow Geese - 120,000

Ducks - 45,000

Swans - 1000

Snow goose numbers on the refuge grew to over 200,000 over the weekend, and gradually dropped to current levels. Good numbers of snow geese are also being reported in the Putney Slough and Scatterwood Lakes areas. Mallard, northern pintail, and green-winged teal are the primary duck species currently using the refuge.

Swan numbers are equally distributed between Mud Lake and Sand Lake.

As of today, all wetlands in the area are still open. Low temperatures are predicted to drop down to the teens consistently during the coming week, so the smaller wetlands will probably begin freezing over.

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Final Report

Waterfowl Estimates for Sand Lake NWR - 11/23/2010

Canada Geese - 400

Snow Geese - 0

Ducks - 100

Swans - 0

Things are pretty well frozen up here at Sand Lake. We received nearly 2 inches of snow yesterday, and it got to 8 degrees below zero last night. The only waterfowl seen on the refuge today were in a small open pocket of water just below one of our water control structures. Snow geese were heard flying over last evening, but none have been seen today.

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Ducks - 45,000

Swans - 1000

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