

Monthly Report of Activities - Fish Springs Refuge

September 1969

I. INTRODUCTION

Weather: Fall has finally arrived with a marked change in the early morning temperature. The high and low temperatures for the period were 100 and 41. Only .20 inches of precipitation was received. Several storms to the east of us washed out the county road in several places.

Water: The pools were at their lowest levels this month, but toward the end of the period have started to rise with cooler weather.

Wildlife: Twenty thousand ducks was the month's peak population. Which is also the highest recorded concentration since establishment of the refuge. Pintails comprised 90% of the total.

The first sighting of Chukar were recorded on the refuge. There are large numbers of these birds on the Dugway Range east of here, but these are the first seen on the Fish Mountain Range which rises west of the refuge.

II. ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Summer activities slowed down with two of the three summer employees leaving. Most activities centered around preparation for winter and duck season and completion of the self registration visitor center.

III. PROBLEMS

The county road east of the refuge has had several heavy rains and are washed out in several places. Since the county in this area has been without a road grader operator since last spring, the road has gone from bad to horrible. No improvement seen in the near future.

IV. PUBLIC RELATIONS

One meeting was attended at the Dugway Rod and Gun Club.

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