



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

MTK-Brown-1974-Proposed Bill And Letter

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Ash:

Enclosed are ten copies of a proposed bill, "To designate certain lands in the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, Hyde County, North Carolina, as wilderness."

Also enclosed are the same number of copies of (1) a letter from the Secretary of the Interior to the President; (2) the public hearing analyses; and (3) the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife brochure entitled "Mattamuskeet-Swanquarter-Cedar Island-Pea Island Refuges Wilderness Proposal Summary."

We recommend that the enclosed draft legislation, which would incorporate 600 acres into the National Wilderness Preservation System, be submitted to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Ken M. Brown

Ken M. Brown
Legislative Counsel

Enclosures

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To designate certain lands within the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge in Hyde County, North Carolina, as wilderness.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 3(c) of the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (78 Stat. 890, 892; 16 U.S.C. 1132(c)), certain lands in the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, North Carolina, which comprise about 600 acres and which are depicted on a map entitled "Mattamuskeet Wilderness Proposal" dated December 1973, are hereby designated as wilderness.

SEC. 2. As soon as practicable after this Act takes effect, a map of the wilderness area and a description of its boundaries shall be filed with the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and such map and description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act: Provided, however, That correction of clerical and typographical errors in such map and description may be made.

SEC. 3. The area designated by this Act as wilderness shall be known as the "Mattamuskeet Wilderness" and shall be administered by

the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness areas, and any reference in that Act to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. Subject to all valid rights existing on the date of enactment of this Act, lands designated as wilderness by this Act are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the mining laws and from disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral leasing and all amendments thereto.

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Dear Mr. President:

It is with pleasure that I recommend the establishment of areas totaling approximately 590 acres in Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The recommendation stems from this Department's responsibility under the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 890) to recommend to the President areas within its jurisdiction suitable for designation as wilderness. Having reviewed potential areas in Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, we conclude that 590 of the refuge's 50,400 acres should be designated wilderness.

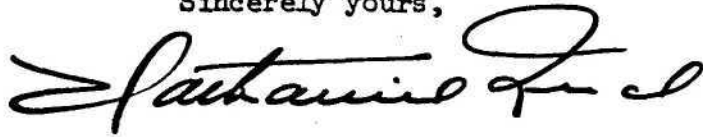
Located in eastern North Carolina, about 50 miles northwest of Cape Hatteras, Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge was established by executive order on December 18, 1934. Consisting of Lake Mattamuskeet, islands, and marshy shoreline, the refuge serves both as a habitat and breeding ground for birds and wild animals and as a shooting area operated jointly by the United States and the State of North Carolina. Management of the refuge involves the prevention of saltwater intrusion from Pamlico sound, manipulation of water levels to produce waterfowl food plants, and timber management for the sake of the bald eagle, red-cockaded woodpecker, and osprey. However, the islands of Great Island, Heron Bay Island, and Head of Lake Island are in a natural condition and should be designated wilderness. There has been no mineral survey of the area but there may be some potential for oil and gas within the wilderness area which could be obtained without entering the wilderness area by slant drilling from adjacent land.

In accordance with the requirements of the Wilderness Act, a public hearing on the recommendation was held at Swanquarter, North Carolina, on April 2, 1974. Analyses of the hearing records and written expressions received, together with the letters received from other Federal agencies, are contained in the enclosed synopsis. Complete records have been compiled and are available for inspection by the public.



Enclosed is a draft bill which, if enacted, would incorporate the recommended area of Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stanton", written in dark ink.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Enclosure

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