

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, Atlanta, Ga.

DATE: July 16, 1968

FROM : Refuge Manager, Hatchie NWR

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report, Hatchie NWR

This report covers the period from June 16 to July 15, 1968.

1. Weather: This period has been hot and dry. Scattered showers were received on three occasions but not near the amount needed for the dry fields in rowcrops and hay. Temperatures ranged from 68 to 94 degrees.
2. Personnel: Jerry W. Lewis was employed on July 1 to serve as a Maintenanceman, Intermittent. Jerry is going to make the Bureau a good employee and his services are needed.
3. Wildlife Use: Bream fishing has been good up until the past week. The number of fishermen using the refuge during this period has exceeded any previous period since the refuge has been opened to public fishing.

Large broods of young wood ducks have been observed by the Staff and several reports of seeing broods on the lakes and Hatchie River have been received by the public.

4. Physical Development and Management: Practically all our time has been devoted to the construction of a nineteen-acre water storage reservoir. This work consisted of moving approximately 10,000 cu. yards of dirt in the levee and clearing and burning woody debris inside the water line. The dirt work should be completed within the next few days.

Fifteen acres of idle land were bush-hogged to keep down undesirable growth.

One-half mile of field road was established on Tract 32.

Two 12' x 24' stalls were added to the open equipment shed at the refuge workshop area.

Cooperative Farmers completed their planting of rowcrops June 20.

The timber harvesting operation on the Howard Powell Tract is in "full swing" for the third summer.



Forester Clyde Stewart has devoted most of his time this period to gathering field data needed in the preparation of a Timber Management Plan for Lake Isom at Reelfoot Refuge.

5. Miscellaneous: We moved into new office space on July 8, and spent a couple of days finding and arranging "things" to our liking. Our new location is 34 N. Lafayette Street.

Manager Barton has been confined for several days working on "End of the Fiscal Year" reports.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel W. Barton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Samuel W. Barton