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NATIONAL BISON RANGE.
MOIIEBE, MONTANA.
DIVISION OF GAME MANAGEMENT
THIRD QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORT ON WILDLIFE, AND ACTIVITIES APPURTENANT THERETO.
FROM JANUARY 1, 1937, to MARCH 31, 1937.

WILDLIFE

BUFFALO

A. Condition of herd: Excellent.

1. On hand January 1, 1937 .......... 461
   a. January births ............... 0
      January deaths ............. 1
   b. February births ............. 0
      February deaths .......... 1
      February sales(alive) .... 1
   c. March births ............... 0
      March deaths ............. 0

2. On hand March 31, 1937 .......... 378

B. The unusually severe winter had its effect on the herd as they are thinner than usual; but seem to be in first class condition otherwise. (One buffalo cow died in January. In February, 41 buffalo were donated to the Blackfeet Indian Agency; 40 to the Flathead Indian Agency, and one sold alive to Mr. W. O. Mayne, Great Falls, Montana.

Elk

A. Condition of herd: Fair.

1. On hand January 1, 1937 .......... 124
   a. January births ............... 0
      January deaths ............. 0
   b. February births ............. 0
      February deaths .......... 2
   c. March births ............... 0
      March deaths ............. 0

2. On hand March 31, 1937 .......... 122

B. I consider that this herd came through with flying colors; considering the severity of the winter and it appears that we will have an excellent calf crop. We maintained part of the herd in the substation division and the remainder in the west portion of the range.
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Wildlife

Summary

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S.O.P. dated March 31, 1937

The information on the report was subject to error and may not be in the same condition as the information on the report sent in Department of Agriculture.
MOUNTAIN SHEEP

A. Condition of herd: Good.

1. On hand January 1, 1937...........34
   a. January births..................0
      January deaths...................0
   b. February births................0
      February deaths................0
   c. March births...................0
      March deaths...................1

2. On hand March 31, 1937...........33

B. I believe these animals wintered in the best shape of any animals on the range. And if we are able to collect the ewes and lambs at the proper time and administer the serum to the lambs; I have high hopes of raising a record crop of lambs. Of course, the element of depredations by the golden eagles is to be considered, and may cut down our crop unless we can eliminate to a minimum this danger.

One Mt. sheep ewe was found dead on March 29.

MULE DEER

A. Condition of herd: Fair.

1. On hand January 1, 1937...........189
   a. January births..................0
      January deaths...................5
   b. February births................0
      February deaths................9
   c. March births...................0
      March deaths...................12

2. On hand March 31, 1937...........159

B. As anticipated when we found ourselves facing a very severe winter, we sustained one of the heaviest losses among these animals that we have had in the past six years. But this condition was noted among deer on the open range quite generally over this section of the country. I expect we will have some loss within the next sixty days from encephalomya grubs, as this parasite is quite prevalent on this range as demonstrated last season.
WILF DIERZ

1. SUMMARY OF YEAR, 1937

10 to 20 years. 1937. 1937.

2. FAMILY NEST

3. PROPRIETOR'S

4. LANDLORD'S

5. CANCELLATION

6. LANDLORD'S

7. NO. BANK MARCH 31, 1937.

8. 1937.
A. Condition of herd: Excellent.

1. On hand January 1, 1937
   a. January births 0
   January deaths 1
   b. February births 0
   February deaths 0
   c. March births 0
   March deaths 0

2. On hand March 31, 1937

B. The white-tailed deer came through this quarter in very fine shape. Of course, they had the protection of the quite heavy timber along Mission Creek. The nine that are in the alfalfa field are in excellent condition, and are so frequently seen by visitors, that I feel that it is a very worthwhile project keeping this small herd in this enclosure.

PREDATORY AND FURBEARING ANIMALS ON REFUGE

A. The trapper has been successful in holding the coyotes down to a minimum by diligent efforts; and we have not noted any depredations by these predators. But, of course, they have fed a great deal on the deer that have winter-killed.

B. It appears to me that some of our beaver colonies have moved out, as we have noted only a very small amount of beaver cutting along Mission Creek, during the past quarter.

Birds

A. We had to continue the feeding of 6,000 ducks until March 4. The ducks were fed at the Lozeau warm springs 3 miles west of Moiese. This operation certainly multiplied the duties of Young and myself; as we had to plow the road from headquarters to the feeding grounds on two different occasions, due to the deep snow. We fed about 6½ tons of grain to the ducks; and they came through in fine shape as we found only about a dozen dead during the entire period. Every few days the golden eagles would move in and prey upon them at the feedings grounds, and they killed quite a few.

B. We also fed pheasants at the Bison Range during the severe weather.

End.
REPTILES

A. Snakes are hibernating during this quarter.

GRAZING

A. The snow was very late in going off the range, and this condition, I believe will be very beneficial to the forage crop this season.

PROTECTION

A. During the past quarter we were so busy feeding ducks, plowing snow, doing chores, and slaughtering buffalo that we had very little time for patrolling the range. And most of the time the snow was too deep to allow us to get very far in on the range.

FIRE PREVENTION

A. The fire prevention system around headquarters was kept in excellent condition at all times; but we were very fortunate in not having to use it. Every precautionary measure was continuously exercised.

IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS

A. None this quarter.

Public Relations

A. Aside from a trip to Whitefish and one to Plains where I took part on the program at their Sportsmen's banquets; I have attended one meeting, each, of the Federal Business Association, and The Society of American Foresters.

B. A number of cars of visitors called during this quarter; but we were unable to take them out on the range until the snow was sufficiently gone off in the low country to get out on the range without getting stuck. Since then we have taken out visitors whenever they have come.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Norton
U.S. Game Management Agent
REPORT

A. Share the interpretive output of the dataset.

CHART

A. Show the very few in context for the season and find one.

FEEDBACK

A. Outline the best data with other methods to gather data.

INVENTORIES AND DEVELOPMENTS

A. More this chapter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

A. A book from a trip to Washington and one to print where I have attended one meeting, soon to the Society of American Foresters.

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