

can be used as a basis for preparing area-wide habitat maps reflecting projected conditions.

Multiple land use begins from a common base — soil. Coordination can be planned more specifically through the application of soils information as contained in the soil survey report.

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### RESOLUTION

#### FARM GAME COMMITTEE

#### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

#### MARCH 1965

- WHEREAS, the Farm Game Committee of the Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society in deliberation over the past several years has become increasingly aware of a decreasing hunting opportunity for sportsmen, and
- WHEREAS, it is recognized, in general, that wildlife habitat on privately owned tracts is being destroyed at an alarming rate resulting in declining wildlife populations, and
- WHEREAS, hunter access to wildlife populations on private property is also decreasing and,
- WHEREAS, one solution to the problem is the provision of publicly owned and managed tracts for hunting and other recreational pursuits, and
- WHEREAS, the 36,000-acre Camp Breckinridge Military Reservation in western Kentucky, declared surplus by the Department of Defense and now awaiting final disposition by the General Services Administration, has all the attributes of a fine farm game hunting area, and
- WHEREAS, the sale of a major share of this Reservation to private interests for farming activities (as planned) is unwarranted in the light of: (1) the surplus farm crop situation, and (2) a statement by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman at the White House Conference on Conservation in May 1962 that by 1980 the United States will be able to meet all needs for crop products with 50 million fewer acres than then presently used, and

WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union message directed to the 89th Congress in January 1965, stated—"We must make a massive effort to save the countryside and establish—as a green legacy for tomorrow—more large and small parks, more seashores and open spaces than have been created during any period in our history," and

WHEREAS, a gross inconsistency exists—on the one hand, the 88th Congress established the Land and Water Conservation Fund (estimated annual expenditure—\$180,000,000.00) to provide for planning, *land acquisition* and development to help meet the nation's outdoor recreation needs—on the other hand, the General Services Administration is about to dispose of prime recreation land *already in public ownership*, and

WHEREAS, due to the population explosion, shorter working hours, continued intensified use of private land for crop and livestock production, demands of a recreation-prone citizenry—present public hunting areas are inadequate and the situation will become more critical with the passage of time, and

WHEREAS, the Reservation presently has excellent wildlife food and cover with high populations of rabbits, quail, mourning doves, squirrels, raccoons, and deer, and

WHEREAS, the recreation potential of the Reservation is great, with hunting, fishing, swimming, water skiing, boating, sight-seeing, picnicking, bird-watching, camping, berry-picking, etc., all possible, and

WHEREAS, the Reservation lies in the center of populous sections of populous sections of southern Illinois, southern Indiana, and western Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, the mineral rights will be offered for sale shortly and the sale of surface areas in farm-size parcels will follow thereafter, action to *save this public area for public use* must be *immediate*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Farm Game Committee of the Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society solicits through the Secretary of the Interior immediate action by the President of the United States to set aside a major portion of the Camp Breckinridge Military Reservation for a hunting area to be administered by appropriate Federal or State agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, Members of Congress from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Governor of Kentucky, the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, the Wildlife Society, and the Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society.

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