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CARVER PROMISES CONTINUED WYOMING GAME COOPERATION

Continued cooperation with the Wyoming Fish and Game Commission by the Department of the Interior on fencing and other problems was promised by Assistant Interior Secretary John A. Carver at Casper, Wyoming, ~~today~~ yesterday.

Carver announced that a study project by the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Utah State University, on ways and means to pass antelope and other game through sheep and cattle-tight fences was scheduled for completion on September 30th.

"We will discuss the results with Wyoming Game officials as soon as we receive the project report," Carver said. "The preliminary reports we have are very encouraging, showing both a fence design and cattle-guard design which will hold the domestic animals but permit antelope movement. Field testing of recommended specifications will take place this year."

The Interior official spoke at a luncheon of the Wyoming Conservation Association at Casper. In addition to fencing problems, he outlined guidelines followed by the department when carrying out spraying projects for sage-brush control. He emphasized that all interests involved, including the State Game Commission and livestock permittees, would be notified and given the opportunity to comment on proposed projects.

He also said that areas identified for their wildlife values would generally not be scheduled for brush control projects.

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