

\$154,391,488 asked In Ore., Wash., Projects

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman Thursday asked Congress to appropriate \$154,391,488 for projects in Oregon and Washington bordering those states in the Columbia River basin.

The President's request, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, amounts to approximately \$182,000,000 more than was appropriated by Congress in the year 1953.

Under the President's program, the Bureau of Reclamation will spend \$154,391,488 for river, harbor, flood control, navigation and power development along the Columbia River basin. For these the President has asked \$95,130,512 in new money, plus \$59,260,976 from previous appropriations.

Other projects were proposed in the President's program, but they were not approved by Congress. The dam development program is roughly on the same level as last year when Congress appropriated slightly more than \$100 million.

The President's recommendations for dam construction in the Northwest was \$34,000,000. Others include Chief Joseph dam, \$27 million; Chief Joseph dam, \$27 million; Chief Joseph dam, \$27 million; Chief Joseph dam, \$27 million.

Other projects in proposed money for the Columbia River basin were: Willamette River bank protection, \$10,512,000; restoration of fishing at Bonneville, \$10,512,000; Columbia fish sanctuary \$1,000,000.

President asked for \$30,000,000 for the Bonneville Power Administration construction program. A reduction from the \$36,000,000 appropriated this year by the President, Bonneville operating and maintenance funds, however, will be increased under the President's recommendation from \$100,000,000 to \$105,000,000.

For direct reference to Oregon, Washington contained in President's message was his recommendation that he seek increased money for complete construction of the dam needed to salvage timber in the beetle-infested wood-blot forest areas of Oregon and Washington. A budget item to the request for forest and trails funds stated an increase of \$15 million in this year for the access road program in the Northwest.

Under access road construction for the Oregon and California grant lands, the President recommended an increase of three million from the \$10 million appropriated for this year. This sum, appropriated by Congress, will be paid by the O&C

Oregon-California, \$1,200 carry-over funds; Yakima project, Kennewick division, Wash., \$3,195,000 including \$95,000 carryover; Yakima project, Roza division, \$125,000.

Reclamation Bureau requests for operation and maintenance include:

Boise project, Idaho-Oregon, \$596,300; Rathdrum Prairie, Post Falls unit, Idaho-Washington, \$3,000; Deschutes project, north unit, Oregon, \$224,076; Umatilla project, Ore., \$13,750; Klamath project, Ore.-Calif., \$660,000; Owyhee project, Oregon-Idaho, \$20,000; Columbia Basin, Wash., \$3,121,000; Yakima project, Wash., \$525,000.

Also asked for the Northwest was \$38,000 for the Bureau of Land Management's experiment station at Squaw Butte, Ore.

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