

Mountain Sheep Dam Selected By Engineers

PORTLAND (AP)—The Corps of Engineers said today it picked High Mountain Sheep Dam as the key structure in developing the middle stretch of the Snake River only after exhaustive study of six basic plans for the area.

Some of the plans rejected would have been too damaging to fish runs. Others offered less resource development.

The full story of what the Corps of Engineers found in their three-year-long review of the so-called 308 Report for Columbia Basin development, was presented today to the Columbia Basin Inter-agency Committee.

The general outline of what the Engineers picked as the best way to develop the rivers for power, flood control and navigation, was construction of 13 dams and improved navigational channels, all at a cost of nearly two billion dollars.

The report said the new additions to existing and authorized projects in the basin would bring

an annual saving of 60 million dollars a year by 1958 in reducing steam power requirements; would put the installed capacity of the region's power plants at 25 million kilowatts; would eliminate the hazard of floods; and by improved navigation would cut the region's transportation bill by nearly 5 1/2 million dollars a year.

Today Col. Allen F. Clark Jr., North Pacific Division engineer, and two of his top aides told the details of their major water plan and why they made the decisions they did.

The Inland Empire Waterways Assn., holding its 25th annual meeting here, adjourned to sit in with the CBIAIC to hear the report.

G. H. Fernald, chief of the planning division of the North Pacific Division, said of the Middle Snake River area that studies were

made only of the "resource not currently under active development by the Idaho Power Co."

A year ago this decision not to report on what could be done in the Hells Canyon reach of the Snake, drew fire at a hearing on the review report. Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore), an advocate of a high federal Hells Canyon Dam, charged then that the Engineers had dipped into politics with that decision. "Stay in your own bailiwick," he said.

However, a high Hells Canyon Dam, which was part of the original 308 report of the Engineers in 1948 but never approved by Congress, was not mentioned in the new study.

Fernald said six basic plans for Middle Snake development were these: 1. Nez Perce below the Salmon River; 2. Low Mountain Sheep and Low Pleasant Valley dams on the Snake and Lower Canyon Dam on the Salmon just above its mouth; 3. High Mountain Sheep on the Snake just above the Salmon and Lower Canyon on the Salmon; 4. High Mountain Sheep with a diversion tunnel from the Salmon River; 5. High Pleasant Valley on the Snake as contemplated by the Bureau of Reclamation; and 6. High Pleasant Valley with diversion from the Salmon.

Construction of Nez Perce, he said, would be hazardous to fish runs because "it must be admitted that proven and fully accepted means are not yet available" for handling fish over dams much higher than 100 feet.

Lower Canyon Dam would have the same disadvantage, blocking the valuable run up the Salmon

River. However, plan No. 3 was finally approved as best but no authorization will be asked for Lower Canyon Dam until a solution to the fish problem has been found, he said. If it should be decided never to build that dam, then plan No. 4 could be substituted, a diversion tunnel from the Salmon to augment the flow of the Snake behind High Mountain Sheep substituting for Lower Canyon, "as a sound alternative."

In the basin as a whole, Col. Clark said before the meeting, the men studying how best to develop the region's resources, "always had a multiple choice."

When the basin's development nears completion this will not be so but "we now are in an area of fairly free choice."

F. S. Brown, chief of the engineering division, said that of the new projects proposed in this review report, all are being recommended for congressional authorization except Lower Canyon Dam. However, he added, a delay in starting Wenaha Dam on the Grande Ronde River of Washington and Oregon, is considered advisable "in the interest of the fishery resource of that stream."

In reaching its conclusions the Engineers considered local problems and objections. "This is a realistic report," Brown said.

Dropped from consideration was the Ben Franklin project which would have provided slackwater from McNary Pool nearly to Priest Rapids Dam but would have had "adverse effects" on

the Hanford Works of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Also dropped was the Glacier View project which would have flooded some areas of Glacier National Park. To replace it, Smoky Range on the north fork of the Flathead River was studied, but it, too, would have backed water into the park and was dropped from the planning.

These are the projects in the major water plan that survived the weeding out and are recommended: Libby Dam on the Kootenai, Long Meadows on the Yaak, Ninemile Prairie on the Blackfoot, Flathead Lake outlet improvement on the Flathead, Knowles Dam on the Flathead, Enaville on the Coeur d'Alene, Garden Valley on the Payette.

High Mountain Sheep on the Snake, Lower Canyon on the Salmon, Wenaha on the Grande Ronde, Asotin on the Snake, Penny Cliffs on the Clearwater Middle fork, Bruce Eddy on the Clearwater north fork, and extension of the inland waterway system on the Columbia to the Foot Snake, Lower Canyon on the Salmon, Wenaha on the Grande Ronde, Asotin on the Snake, Penny Cliffs on the Clearwater Middle fork, Bruce Eddy on the Clearwater north fork, and extension of the inland waterway system on the Columbia to the Foot Snake.

"Ten years from now we will have to do this over," Col. Clark said. "We must have periodic re-views to re-evaluate what has been done."



FRANCIS SKINNER, 4-H leader, says, "As a leader working closely with the agencies supported by the United Fund, I am keenly aware of their needs. I've already made my pledge, but there is a need and I want to do this extra, buying Success Dollars. I urge everyone's support."

Workers Aid Mongrel Dog

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP)—Mongrel dogs don't usually attract very much attention.

But one has here. He's medium-sized, reddish brown, not especially distinctive — and he sits quietly in a grassy strip, surrounded by roaring traffic.

He's been there for about six weeks.

"The dog," as he is now called by workers in the area, was abandoned at the New Brunswick traffic circle by his master. He is apparently waiting for his master to return.

Food has been no problem. Employees of a nearby drug manufacturing firm have taken to feeding the animal.

But the dog hasn't gotten friendly towards people. He isn't vicious, but he won't let anyone get close to him. When they try, he moves off.

Nor has a representative of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals been any more successful. The animal eluded the man Wednesday and returned to the grassy strip afterwards.

The dog sometimes trots across Route 1 to a gas station for food. If he does so today or anytime later, he may never return to his lonely vigil.

The SPCA representative left some doped meatballs at the station, designed to make the dog slow enough so that he can be captured.

Then, the SPCA hopes to find a new home for the mongrel, far away from the noisy traffic circle.

Supervisor Tells Timber Figures

PORTLAND (AP)—There are some 22 1/2 million board feet of salvage timber suitable for small sales in the Mt. Hood National Forest, Supervisor Ralph F. Cooke said Wednesday.

Cooke said about half the 15 million board feet of timber felled by strong winds Nov. 3 will be marketable.

The regional U. S. Forest Service office ordered surveys in all 19 national forests in Oregon and Washington to check wind, fire and insect damage to trees.

Bandits Escape With \$250 Loot

PORTLAND (AP)—Two men who held up the First Finance Corp. in Portland Wednesday escaped with \$250, police said.

One of the two walked up to Darlene Lowe, 18, the only clerk on duty, and said: "I hate to do this, but we want your money."

The gunman took the money, then forced Miss Lowe to lie on the floor while he and his partner, who stood by the door during the robbery, fled.

Monk Receives Pilot's Wings

PORTLAND (AP)—A Roman Catholic Benedictine monk from the Mount Angel Abbey has received his wings as a pilot, the Skyways School of Aviation said Wednesday.

"I have always wanted to fly, since I was knee high," the Rev. Thomas Sander said after he received the pilot's certificate from the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

"Being a flying missionary is out of the question," Father Sander said. "But I find my knowledge of flying a great help in teaching Latin and American problems to those high school kids. They think I'm a hero like Wyatt Earp."

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