



ACCESS ROAD between top of Idaho Power Company's Hells Canyon Dam (left) and powerhouse was cut in two places by water rushing down Short Creek, seen at right, from high in the mountains on the Oregon side. Damage caused here and elsewhere on Oxbow-Hells Canyon road by slides and washouts will cost an estimated \$200,000-\$300,000 to repair.

Idaho Power Reports Repair On Oxbow-Hells Canyon Road

Idaho Power Company reported Wednesday that work has started to repair extensive damage caused by a recent series of slides and washouts on the road between Oxbow and Hells Canyon dams.

The repair work, estimated to cost \$200,000-\$300,000, is expected to require up to 10 weeks to complete depending on the weather, according to F.E. Myers, power plant operating superintendent.

He said the estimate does not include the cost of rebuilding a bridge, restrooms and pump house at McCormick Park, located upstream near Brownlee Dam.

The structures were heavily damaged when flood waters in Wildhorse Creek cut away both banks of the stream.

Myers said the Oxbow-Hells Canyon road, providing the only access between the two dams, was blocked or washed out in at least 10 places in a distance of 13 miles.

The damage occurred during a period of heavy rains and a thaw that melted snow in the mountains bordering the deep canyon and sent water rushing down normally dry gullies and creek beds.

MacGregor Triangle Company, Boise contractor performing the repair work, has bulldozed a narrow path through the slides so Idaho Power operating personnel can reach Hells Canyon Dam over the road. Earlier, they had been forced to travel downstream to the dam by boat from Hells Canyon Park.

Myers said the road between the park and the

dam will remain closed to the public until the repairs are completed. The damaged sections of roadbed will be rebuilt immediately, but they cannot be resurfaced with asphalt until early summer.

One of the worst washouts was at Hells Canyon Dam, where water rushing down Short Creek from high in the mountains on the Oregon side of the gorge sliced

through a horseshoe-shaped access road between the top of the dam and the powerhouse.

The flooding stream cut deep into the road in two places and buried it under tons of rock and mud.

Trees, bushes and other debris flushed from creek beds and banks upstream from Hells Canyon Dam floated through the reservoir and piled up behind the concrete structure. The trash, extending some 600 feet upstream in the reservoir behind the dam and about 950 feet from bank to bank, will be scooped out of the water by a dragline and hauled away by truck.

Myers said the inflow into the Snake River from swollen streams between Brownlee and Hells Canyon reached more than 15,000 cubic feet per second at the peak of the heavy rains and snow melt.

According to long-time area residents, the flow in Wildhorse Creek was the highest in many years.

Conservationist Reports To BLM

Kenneth Knowles, Moscow, Idaho reported for duty as range conservationist in the Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Monday, March 4. Knowles has been assigned to the Southern Resource Area where he fills the vacancy left by the transfer of Ed Gheen in December.

A native of Shoshone, Idaho Knowles attended Idaho schools and graduated from Idaho State University at Pocatello in 1971 with a bachelor of science degree in Conservation. He will receive his master's degree in range management in May. During summers between school years, he was employed for one year in the Shoshone BLM district and for the Idaho State Department of Highways.

Knowles and his wife, Ruth, are the parents of one son, three year old Justin. Hunting, fishing and sports fans, they are making their home one mile west of Vale on Graham Boulevard.

Atiyeh Files For Governor

State Senator Victor Atiyeh, R-Washington County, formally filed in Salem Monday for the office of Governor.

Atiyeh was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1958. He ran successfully for the Senate in 1964 and has been the Senate Republican Leader since 1971.

He served as vice chairman of the Senate Alcohol and Drug Committee and was a member of the Education, Environment and Land Use, Revenue, and Transportation Committees during the 1973 Legislative session.

Atiyeh currently serves on the Legislature's Emergency Board, which handles appropriations when the legislature is not in session and on the Governor's Energy Council.

He announced his intention to seek the Republican nomination in December, which surprised many of the GOP regulars.

Atiyeh's ballot slogan is "Senator 'Vic' Atiyeh, the ONE man prepared to be your next Governor."

Former Adrian Resident Station Manager In Calif.

Oakland A's baseball broadcasting rights was finalized early in March, and for the second consecutive year, all games will be heard over the Golden Pacific Network in Northern California and Nevada with coverage in the Hawaiian Islands.

Keith B. Farr, General Sales Manager for KCVR and K-WIN stations in Lodi-Stockton, California stated that coverage of the exhibition games will begin immediately. The Oakland A's have won the World Series for two years, in 1972 and 1973, and prospects for the 1974 year look very well.

Keith Farr joined the Golden Pacific group in 1968 after working in television for three years and prior to that time served as staff announcer and salesman for stations in the Ogden, Salt Lake City areas.

The Golden Pacific Group has stations in San Jose, Lodi-Stockton, Fresno, Las Vegas and Hawaiian Islands. Headquarters are in San Jose, California.

In 1958 Farr started his career with Gordon Capps, president of KSRV in Ontario, prior to that time, he lived in Adrian, Oregon.



ACCESS BRIDGE (center) to Idaho Power Company's McCormick Park near Brownlee Dam collapsed into Wildhorse Creek when the stream, swollen by heavy rains and snow melt, cut away both its banks. On opposite side of creek are ruins of the park's restrooms, also damaged by the high water.

Idaho Power Plans Fourth Unit At Bridger

Idaho Power Company and Pacific Power & Light Company have asked the Wyoming Public Service Commission for authority to build a fourth unit at their jointly owned Jim Bridger steam generating plant, increasing its capacity to 2 million kilowatts.

Albert Carlsen, Idaho Power president, said Wednesday the additional unit at the plant near Rock Springs,

Wyoming, would increase his company's share of the total plant capacity to 667,000 kilowatts for Idaho Power customers.

The balance of the capacity would be for Pacific Power under a joint-venture agreement that gives Pacific Power a two-thirds share and Idaho Power one-third.

Commercial operation of Jim Bridger's first 500,000 kilowatt unit now is planned for September, 1974, with its entire output dedicated to Idaho Power needs until the other units go on the line. Units 2 and 3 are scheduled for completion in September of 1975 and 1976, respectively.

The fourth unit, also of 500,000-kilowatt capacity would be completed in 1978 if the two companies receive the necessary approvals and construction starts next fall.

Annual Dinner For Sugar Co. Employees

The Amalgamated Sugar Company employees held their annual dinner, Friday, March 8, at the Rodeway Inn, Boise.

Opening ceremonies were conducted by Paul Kunkel. Invocation was given by George Knapp and Dee Garner acted as master of ceremonies. In charge of entertainment was Zelma Richards and Gretchen Slinker.

Retirees were introduced by Rosemary Zittercob and each presented with a gift. They are Desmond Jones, a wrist watch; Wally Flippen, fishing equipment; and Glenn Cooper, a walky-talky.

Agricultural service pins were presented to Fred Hanny and John S. Vanzelf by Gilbert Wells. Service pins for factory operations were presented to William Ashcraft, Jose Delgado, Arthur Galloway, Jose Martinez, Reyes Sayas and Gerald Leavitt by George Hobbs.

Winners of door prizes were Carlos Hernandez, Mrs. Charles Belveal, Mrs. Tony Frost, Mrs. Gerald Simantel and Mrs. Glenn Palmer.

Speaking To The Consumer

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Vancouver, Wash., Aluminum Company of America plant, then alloyed and fabricated at other ALCOA plants, was shipped to Boeing for the hydrofoil boats. Initial orders are from Hong Kong and Hawaii. Washington State Ferry System is taking close look at \$4.5 million dollar speedsters.

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