

President Recommends \$500,000 More For Dam At Cascade, Land Owners May Sell Property Now

Good Fishing Promised By County Sportsmen If New Plans Work

Sportsmen in Valley county will continue to enjoy good fishing in the future, according to plans discussed by the Valley County Sportsmen's Association at their meeting Wednesday night in McCall.

If things work out right, there will be two large hatcheries in the county next year instead of one large one and one small one as at the present time.

While plans are being made to enlarge the McCall hatchery some time in the future, the importance of a large hatchery at Cascade was being stressed by members of the association. The present plant at Cascade is small due to a limited supply of water and the sportsmen want to increase both the supply and the capacity of the hatchery.

Need More Water

Dave Maclay, fish culturist for the fish and game department, was an official guest of the sportsmen at their Wednesday night meeting and promised support for the project. An attempt to increase the flow of water will be made in the near future but engineers warned that the attempt may result in the complete disappearance of the spring from which the water flows.

In such a case, it was pointed out, the hatchery will become a thing of the past. Sportsmen, however, consider it a good gamble and are willing to risk the loss of the hatchery in the face of a rich reward of millions of fish if the project is successful.

A crew of men will be started to work to enlarge the spring as soon as weather permits.

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Reclamation Officials Say Work May Start Within The Next Year

If President Roosevelt's budget is approved by Congress \$1,400,000 will be available for work on the Dam at Cascade, according to word sent from Washington, D. C., this week.

In addition to the \$900,000 already set aside for dam construction here, another \$500,000 was recommended by the president in his new budget.

Thursday, three representatives of the department of reclamation were in Cascade to discuss rerouting of county roads in case the project was completed.

They were unable to give any definite statement as to when actual work on the dam would start but indicated that the work of rerouting the highway and railroad might start within the next year. Tentative routes have been laid out for these roads but neither has been officially approved as yet.

Work of clearing lands to be covered by the reservoir might begin fairly soon, the reclamation men said but work on the dam itself might not get under way for a year or two.

Land Money Ready

Appraisals of land to be purchased in the valley have been completed and farm owners may sell their property at any time at the Boise office. Funds have been set aside for this purpose but few have actually parted with their land yet.

Tentative route of the highway and railroad is along the ridge running North and South between here and Donnelly. Parts of the old routes may be salvaged by raising the roadbeds a few feet, engineers believe.

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Hatchery Needs Repairs

McCall hatchery, which has
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airs and maintenance work
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d. Many local sportsmen were
that the hatchery had been
permanently and had written
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Roads Covered

Water will be backed up as far as
Donnelly in some low areas, com-
pletely eradicating most of the roads
in that district now. A dirt road will
probably be built along the West side
of the valley close to the mountains.

No definite agreement was arrived
at the Thursday meeting but con-
tracts will be drawn up at some fu-
ture date between the reclamation
department and the county.

R. J. Newell, Robert Smith and E.
Harmon of the Boise office were here
to represent the bureau of reclama-
tion. T. H. Van Meter, supervisor
of the Payette Forest, was also pres-
ent.

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