

February 20, 1956

Honorable Len Jordan, Chairman
United States Section
International Joint Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Len:

It has been quite a time since I have heard from you and, of course, we are looking for news and information on how best to get our Clear-water Development this year. I recently read press reports of your visit, but it seems I was always at the wrong place to contact you.

With the recommendation of the Army Corps of Engineers that Bruces Eddy and Penny Cliffs go in this year, we are very hopeful that Congress will act favorably. What is your impression of the attitude of Congress except, of course, the Oregon delegation? We realize that very little, if any, help will come from Neuberger or Morse since they seem so devoted to wildlife interests, add the ridiculous faith in Hells Canyon. In talking to Herb West recently, of the Inland Empire Waterways, he feels that Magnusson and Jackson will be helpful.

As you know, we here are most anxious that our local utility participate in our development, at least to the extent of electrical components. Our County is in serious need of a wider tax base and the possibility of our water resources being converted into local benefits is very important. I hope that you can write me freely on your opinion of our possibility. Can you inform me for sure whether or not the administration has a partnership bill, particularly for Bruces Eddy or if one is being prepared? I had one drawn up not long ago and sent it to Henry Dworshak for review. I am wondering if you might have seen such a proposed piece of legislation and whether or not it would need the administrations idea of local participation. Our groups are getting together quite frequently and we really want to go to work on this. Your guidance and help to us is very valuable.

Kind personal regards and give the boys back there my best regards. Incidentally, Herb West has asked me to come back along with others in support of the Inland Waterways Program. Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

A. B. Curtis, Mayor

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