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Studies of Eddy Dam Are Due Soon

MOSCOW, Idaho, Sept. 30. (AP) —Specifications leading to the advertising of contracts for engineering studies of the Bruce Eddy project on the north fork of the Clearwater river are nearly complete, Burt Curtis, Republican candidate for the First district congressional seat, said today.

Curtis said he was informed of the pending action by army engineers who visited at Orofino over the week end.

"It is a multipurpose project with huge benefits," said Curtis, "having hydroelectric assets, general flood control and navigation."

Curtis said the project is important as an upstream storage development when viewed as a feeder to Snake river dams with power and navigation benefits.

"Without upstream storage, the efficiency of the lower dams will be impaired," he said. "Few people in the Moscow-Lewiston area realize the real significance of waterways to Lewiston. A port district is now under consideration there. Waterways for the north central Idaho region will reflect huge transportation benefits to area farmers.

"Their crops can reach export markets in a climate more able to meet competitive prices. Area wheatgrowers are in a untenable position when they have to meet export prices as compared to those downstream waterways—such as the Pasco, Umatilla and John Day districts."