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Chambers Back Army Engineer Plans for Dams

OROFINO *P* — Chambers of Commerce in the Clearwater river area agreed Wednesday night that they will solidly support construction of power and storage dams on the Clearwater river system at an Army Engineers' public hearing here next month.

Representatives of chambers at Orofino, Grangeville, Kooskia, Kamiah, Elk River, Pierce, Moscow, Ahsahka and Lewiston met to formulate opinions to present the Army Engineers when it lays its proposals before the people of the area Nov. 20.

Engineers called the hearing to find out whether land for two dams on the north fork and two on the middle fork of the Clearwater would meet with any local opposition. None was expressed at Wednesday's meeting, the second held this month by a liaison committee of the area chambers.

The Engineers have proposed to construct a high storage and power dam on the north fork about two miles below the mouth of the Little North Fork northwest of Orofino; a lower run-of-the-river dam downstream near Ahsahka where the north fork enters the main stem of the Clearwater; and two dams on the middle fork at Selway Falls and Penny Cliff. They would provide both power at the sites and storage for release during low water periods to dams downstream.