

Curtis Says Bruces Eddy Dam Would Not Endanger Elk Herds

CAMBRIDGE, Idaho (AP)—A.B. (Bert) Curtis, Republican nominee for representative from the First Congressional District, said Tuesday that the proposed Bruces Eddy project on the Clearwater River would not endanger elk herds in the area.

In a statement during a campaign visit here, Curtis said there have been reports that the project would flood areas used by elk for winter forage. He said the top elevation of the proposed reservoir would be "well below the benches and bottom lands with southern exposure which the elk frequent in winter time."

"The state survey," he added, "did not show the areas to be heavily populated. The two-year study supported previous knowledge that elk were well concentrated further upstream in national forests."

Information that elk herds were in future danger was publicly contradicted in Orofino last week by United States Forest Service leaders, Curtis said.

Forest officials have said, Curtis continued, that many elk winter at

the mouth of Kelly Creek, which is above the 3,000 foot elevation—and 62 miles above the high water pool area of the proposed project.

"I'd like to say now," he concluded, "that I'm the daddy of this project; that the Democratic incumbent from the First District has done nothing to help it—and that Senator Henry Dworshak (R-Idaho) has pioneered the work in obtaining funds for fish and wild-life studies leading to final determinations."

URGES MORE ROADS

BROWNLEE, Idaho (AP) — A. B. Curtis, Orofino, Republican nominee for representative from Idaho's First District, asserted Tuesday that the state needs more access roads to primitive areas.

"We of the First District," he said, "feel that the area's facilities have not been developed to the potential as a tourist attraction."

Curtis and Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Idaho) came here to inspect fish passage facilities at the Brownlee-Oxbow area of the Snake River.