

Man Denies Elk Threat of New Dam

CALDWELL, Idaho, Oct. 9. (UPI)—Mayor A. B. Curtis of Orofino has denied reports that elk herds in the North Fork of the Clearwater river would be endangered if the Bruces Eddy project were built.

Here to campaign for election as Republican nominee for First district congress, Curtis said that forest service officers also have contradicted such reports.

Curtis is a leader in the efforts to have the Bruces Eddy project built as a flood control and power project.

He said the top elevation of Bruces Eddy pool, at an estimated 1500 feet, would be well below the benches and bottom lands with southern exposure which the elk frequent in winter time.

Curtis' denial was based on a state survey indicating that elk herds might be in danger.

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

He said that United States forest service leaders publicly contradicted the reports of danger to the elk herds at Orofino last week.