

Bruces Eddy Dam Necessary Says Senator Dworshak

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (AP)—Senator Dworshak (R-Idaho) said today that refusal by the federal power commission to authorize construction of two dams on the Snake river "points the finger of necessity" at the Bruces Eddy dam on Idaho's Clearwater river.

"The middle Snake," Dworshak said in a statement, "has turned into a power no man's land and it may be years before the disputes can be settled. Our only hope for orderly development is to construct other dams while the Snake fight is being waged."

The power commission turned down an application from Pacific Northwest Power company to build dams at Mountain Sheep and Pleasant valley. Instead the agency suggested construction of a high dam at the Nez Perce site downstream.

Continued development of the Northwest's water resources "dic-

tates that Bruces Eddy be built in the near future," Dworshak said, adding that it has fewer factors to create construction delays than any of the proposed Snake river dam sites.

He said reasons for early construction include these:

"1. The need for starting construction of more water control facilities in the Northwest.

"2. Reports by the United States army engineers that Bruces Eddy is a superior natural dam site.

"3. Evaluation of a wildlife report which shows that habitat damage will be minor in comparison with benefits to be derived from the dam.

"4. The probability of a workable fish program to replace steelhead runs blocked by the dam.

"5. The dam would not affect salmon runs. . . .

"6. The dam fits in with flood control needs."

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