

COUNTY LEADERS BACK PROPOSALS FOR SNAKE DAMS

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, Nov. 16.—Idaho's board of county commissioners have given their full indorsement for construction of two proposed dams on the middle fork and north fork of the Clearwater river, they announced yesterday.

A resolution gave full approval of the proposed dams, which will be discussed at a central Idaho hearing at Orofino Friday.

Commissioners in their resolution praised benefits which would accrue to the region from the dam construction, pointed out that the structures would not interfere seriously with any private lands or enterprises, and that no private power firms appeared to be in a position to build the government-proposed dams.

Robert Robson and George Klein, Grangeville Chamber of Commerce delegates to the November 20 Orofino meeting, have been instructed to give the chamber's indorsement of both dams and also to have inserted in the record the chamber's wishes for construction of Nezperce dam at some later date. The proposed Nezperce dam is a site below the mouth of Salmon river on Snake river.

Robson told chamber members as he explained the overall setup of army engineers' proposals for the two multi-purpose dams, "we cry for economy and indorse dam building — yet we know this administration is going to build some dams—so we might as well go along with them."

Earlier, the Grangeville chamber had voted unanimously to follow the wishes of Kooskia and Kamiah citizens in their proposals for the two dams.

O. W. McConnell, district 2 member of the Idaho game commission, earlier last week indicated that the fish and game department would make no serious objections to building of the dams, although the department might ask for restitution of such losses as might occur. McConnell sketched his opinions at the chamber meeting where the dam measures were discussed.