

# Waterways Association Hails Snake River Damsites Survey

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP)—Herbert G. West, executive vice president of the Inland Empire Waterways association, Thursday enthusiastically approved an Army Engineer corps announcement that it would conduct surveys into hydro-electric sites in the Snake river basin.

West said his group always has advocated storage projects on the headwaters of the Pacific northwest streams.

He stated that the key to comprehensive basin planning lies in the erection of upstream dams which will serve the dual purpose of providing hydro-electric power and flood control, with additional benefits to navigation and reclamation.

The sites include Nez Perce and Mountain Sheep on the Snake river; Crevice and Salmon, Kooskia Forks and Penny Cliffs on the middle fork of the Clearwater, and Elkberry and Bruces Eddy on the north fork of the Clearwater.

West said the Hungry Horse project in Montana is an ex-

ample of the value of such upstream dams to development of water resources.

He said it not only produces storage, but will eventually provide 197,000 new kilowatts of power for the area and will greatly aid in flood control.

Private utility operations share with public producing agencies in the increase of kilowatt production due to Hungry Horse dam, West said, and the same will hold true with projects constructed on the Snake or its tributaries.

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