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United States Forest Service
Department of Agriculture
Fourteenth Street and Independence Ave. SW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am doing a study of the proposed Bruce's
Eddy Dam on the Clearwater River in Idaho,
and I am finding that here in the east,
available information is hard to find.

I am writing to request any information on
the forest resource dimension of the project
which your agency might have available.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Kester
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Best
I thought you could
supply more and better informat

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May 14, 1957

Linda J. Kester
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Dear Miss Kester:

Your letter to the United States Forest Service Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C., regarding the Bruce's Eddy project has been referred to this office for reply.

I am enclosing therewith a map or two which will give you much of the information you require. The Bruce's Eddy pool is entirely surrounded by forest land. Much of the forest land is in State, private and Federal ownership. Approximately two million acres of important timber producing lands are in the drainage area of the North Fork of the Clearwater River. This you can easily compute with the enclosed map. The drainage of the Clearwater River is well known to be some of the finest forest land in the country. The area immediately up stream from the upper limits of the pool is almost entirely federal land where as down stream from the upper limits of the pool is largely state land with considerable acreage in various private ownerships.

By far the greater portion of State and Federal lands and in part the private lands are now quite inaccessible. Much of this timber area lies in a difficult region and poor management of the forest lands results. For good management of these lands, forest fires, insects and disease, and accessibility as you may well know is of utmost importance. The Bruce's Eddy dam will return un-told benefits to our Federal, State and private organizations and making it possible to effect better land management and good land use. These resources are in dire need of good development in the interests of the people of this region.

There has been some opposition by wild life organizations which is entirely unfounded. The project will not hurt or materially help wildlife resources but will be of distinct benefit to our lake and stream fishing since over \$4,000,000 is planned in the budget to improve fish facilities. This principally will be fish hatcheries built in up stream areas to afford good stocking of the lake which will be created. Idaho's big game herd lived from 20 to 75 miles above the upper limits of the flowage area and the pool will have no effect upon the winter habitats of the elk and deer. It is the opinion of the old timers of this region that the still waters of the lake will improve the situation since so many elk and deer lose their lives in crossing treacherous ice on the fast and dangerous waters of the river.

Please note inclosed statements of local fish and wild life authority.

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I hope that I have given you some information you want and should you require more detail please advise and we will be as helpful as possible. I might suggest you write Governor Robert Smylie, Governor State of Idaho, Boise, Idaho and Col. Myron Page, Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District at Walla Walla, Washington for their views.

Sincerely yours,

A.B. Curtis, State Fire Warden

ABC/rj

Dear Linda
Bob thought you would
offer some better suggestions
Sincerely
Bob

The following information is based on the report which is entirely un-founded. It is a report of the State of Idaho or materially help wildlife resources but will be of slight value. An estimated cost of stream fishing alone over \$4,000,000 is planned in the budget to improve fish facilities. This principally will be fish hatcheries built in up stream areas to afford good stocking of the lake which will be created. Idaho's big game will live from 20 to 75 miles above the upper limits of the storage area and the pool will have no effect upon the winter habitats of the elk and deer. It is the opinion of the old timers of this region that the still waters of the lake will improve the situation along as muskrat and deer lose their lives in crossing treacherous ice on the fast and dangerous waters of the river.

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