

ROZA

IRRIGATION DIVISION OF YAKIMA PROJECT

THE NORTHWEST'S
ANSWER
TO THE
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FOR

**Jobs
and**

8000 Jobs

Construction of the Roza division and development of subsistence homesteads will require the employment of 8,000 men for two years.

6000 Homes

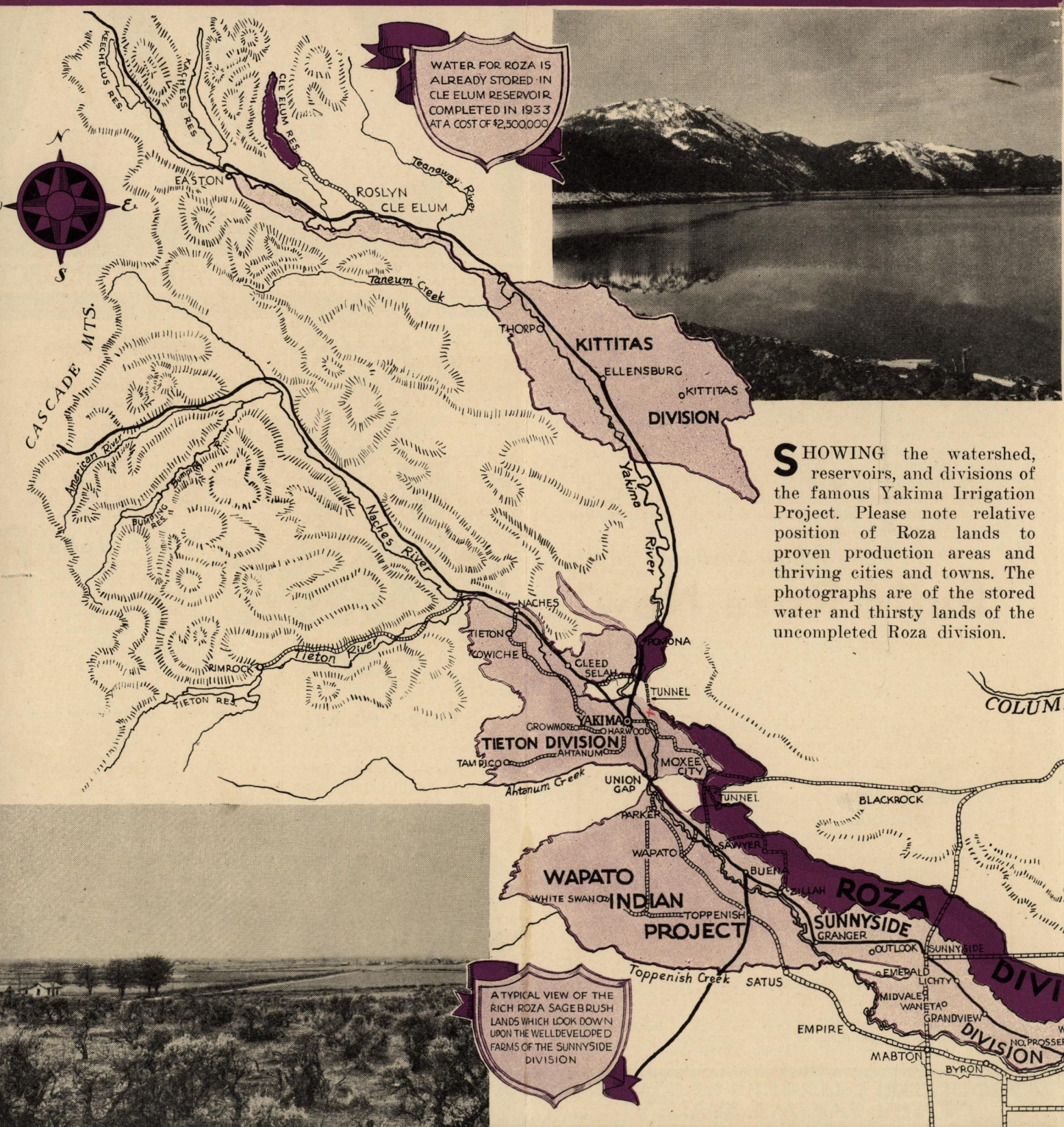
Developed Roza lands will provide subsistence homesteads and farm homes for 6000 families.

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Homesteads

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ALL ROZA LANDS ARE WITHIN 6 MILES OF SHIPPING POINTS AND SOCIAL CENTERS



President Roosevelt's Plan

Federal plans as outlined in President Roosevelt's message propose the use of \$4,000,000,000 to construct as many self-liquidating and other projects as possible. The plans contemplate tapering off the dole by replacing it with jobs, and by steadily increasing employment thereby accomplishing elimination of the dole and permanent rehabilitation of those now receiving it. The plans also include transferring thousands of farm families from marginal and drouth areas to productive lands near highly developed communities, and settlement of additional farm families upon small subsistence homesteads where they can raise most of their food and can earn cash income for other needs from part-time and seasonal jobs.

The Northwest Says: "Roza Fits the Plan!"

In accordance with this program as set up in the President's message, application is being made:

To the Public Works Administration for allocation of sufficient funds to start immediate construction of the Roza division of the Yakima Irrigation Project, and

To the Federal Emergency Relief Administration for immediate acquisition of Roza lands for the building of small subsistence homesteads for rehabilitation of relief families who wish to return to the land and again become self-supporting—

The irrigation works to be constructed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation. The subsistence homesteads to be constructed and supervised by the agency of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

ROZA'S SUBSISTENCE HOMESTEADERS WILL REPLACE THE VALLEY'S TRANSIENT SEASONAL WORKERS

Why?

THE U. S. BUREAU of Reclamation has for years recognized the Roza division as the next logical agricultural development in this area. All preliminary work has been done and storage water provided.

Construction of the Roza project is desirable and practicable at this time because:

1. Millions of marginal and drouth acres are being taken out of production.
2. Four thousand families from the drouth areas personally visited the Yakima Valley during the last six months of 1934 seeking new agricultural locations.
3. From 25,000 to 30,000 families from drouth areas will seek new homes in the northwest within the next two years.
4. Nearly all these people will settle on farms, either here or elsewhere in the northwest.
5. The Roza division offers the best opportunity in the northwest for:
 - a. Two years continuous work for unemployed now on relief.
 - b. Subsistence homesteads to become permanent homes for relief families.
6. The Yakima Valley is the only agricultural community in the northwest which, because of its high production and wide diversity of crops, offers seasonal jobs during eight months of every year. Seasonal workers drew \$6,300,000 in wages in the valley in 1933, \$7,686,000 in 1934 in the production and harvesting of the Yakima Valley's \$35,000,000 annual crop.
7. Yakima Valley farmers need several thousand local family men who can be depended upon each year to replace most of the unreliable transients whom they have been forced to employ in the past. This labor problem has become more serious each year.
8. Roza division is the only high productive land suitable for permanent subsistence homesteads, which at the same time lies alongside developed lands, and assured seasonal jobs every year. The Federal Re-employment office in Yakima sent men to over 17,000 part-time jobs in 1934.
9. Farmers on small tracts averaging 1.72 acres each in the Yakima Valley earned an average of \$618 each outside of their farm income during 1933, a survey of Washington small farms showed. Less than one per cent of these families were on relief rolls.

What?

ROZA DIVISION is a narrow strip of land, 90 miles long, containing 72,000 acres of the choicest land in the Yakima Valley.

Of this 72,000 acres 12,000 acres are tributary to Selah, Moxee and Yakima; 14,000 acres tributary to Zillah, Wapato and Toppenish; 25,000 acres tributary to Granger, Outlook and Sunnyside; 21,000 acres adjacent to Grandview, Prosser and Benton City.

Altitude ranges from 700 to 1,300 feet, all parts of the Roza being higher than adjacent developed lands. The altitude, the richness of soil, broad smooth slopes with general southerly direction insure perfect air and water drainage, economical preparation of land and operating cost, ideal adaptation to early small gardens and pleasant home sites. The irrigation works include a diversion dam, located in the Yakima River 12 miles above the city of Yakima; 99 miles of main canal, tunnels and siphons, and approximately 500 miles of laterals.

Land speculation is eliminated by federal appraisal and re-sale restrictions on all lands under the project.

The contract for water stored in Cle Elum Reservoir was signed in 1921, a supplemental contract applied for in 1934 by the Yakima-Benton Irrigation District, which represents 1500 land owners and was organized in 1919.

The Whole Northwest Says:

"Build Roza Now"

The following organizations endorse immediate construction of the Roza:

American Legion, State Department of Washington
 Washington State Federation of Labor
 The State of Washington, By Governor Clarence D. Martin
 Washington State Planning Council
 National Reclamation Association
 Washington State Irrigation Institute
 Yakima County Democratic Central Committee
 Yakima County Commissioners
 Yakima-Benton Irrigation District
 Portland Chamber of Commerce
 Seattle Chamber of Commerce
 Tacoma Chamber of Commerce
 Spokane Chamber of Commerce
 Yakima Chamber of Commerce
 Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Yakima Valley

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