



Reclamation's Recreational Opportunities

RECLAMATION AND RECREATION

Boating and swimming on sun-lit lakes where not so long ago desert sand prevailed . . . fishing in clean waters once choked with silt . . . family picnics in cool oases . . . sightseeing, hunting, camping, water skiing . . .

These are some of the dividends in healthful activity and personal enjoyment that America is reaping today in the wide reaches of the semiarid West as a byproduct of the Government's continuing water development and conservation program which began in 1902.

When the first pioneers pushed westward across the prairies, deserts, and rugged mountains, they found one common characteristic—dryness. Because of scant or irregular rainfall in most of the West, irrigation was necessary to grow crops on otherwise fertile land. To make irrigation dependable, extremes in river-flow—high when snow melted, later hardly more than a trickle—had to be smoothed out.

Dams were needed to store water during times of high runoff. To meet this need, the Reclamation Act was passed in 1902 by the Congress and signed by President Theodore Roosevelt. That historic legislation opened the way for the Bureau of Reclamation to construct dams and canal systems that now bring irrigation water

to over 8,000,000 acres in the 17 Western States.

Under its multiple-purpose concept of promoting maximum public benefits from limited water resources, the Bureau also investigates and develops project potentials for hydroelectric power, flood control, municipal water, silt and salinity control, fish and wildlife enhancement, and, as a coincidental but important benefit, recreation.

Significant benefits of the Reclamation program include a more varied food supply for the Nation's rapidly growing population; new industry based on the availability of electric power; wider tax bases to support better balanced communities; and judicious development and use of natural resources to strengthen the sinews of our national economy.

The benefits of recreation, too, can be shown to some extent in a financial ledger—via expenditures for sports equipment, vacation travel, and accommodations and services for recreationists. However, Reclamation's recreation dividends are represented even more in the intangibles of mental and physical well-being—for how can a fisherman's pleasure at hooking a "whopper" be listed on a sheet of financial statistics?

"... cheerful news comes from Tule Lake where hunting has been excellent and many shooters are bagging limits..." Western Outdoor News, December 11, 1959.



Guided tours are conducted at Hoover Dam and Powerplant on the Boulder Canyon project in Arizona and Nevada; Shasta Dam and Powerplant on the Central Valley Project in California; Hungry Horse Dam and Powerplant on the Hungry Horse project in Montana; and Grand Coulee Dam and Powerplant on the Columbia Basin project in Washington. There is a nominal fee for the guided tours, with children under 12 years of age and servicemen in uniform being admitted free of charge.

These tours are conducted the year-around at Shasta, Hoover, and Grand Coulee Dams. At Hungry Horse Dam the tours are conducted from about Memorial Day to Labor Day only. A self-guided tour is available at Davis Dam on the lower Colorado River.

"Now visited by 3 million persons a year, Lake Mead . . . is a particular favorite of water-skiers and hydroplaners." Michael Frome, Parade, May 17, 1959.



“The magic of those mighty chunks of concrete, which tame the current of a wild river and hold back its millions of tons of silt! . . . They’ve given us fishing—bass, trout, catfish, crappies and bluegills.” Claude Kreider, *Western Outdoor News*, December 11, 1959. “Heart Butte Reservoir produced more ‘whoppers’ than did any other body of water in North Dakota.” *North Dakota Outdoors*, February 1960. At Glendo Reservoir “anglers were delighted by the standout luck they enjoyed . . .” *Wyoming State-Tribune*, December 15, 1959.”



“... the building of the (Shasta) dam created a condition which has led to the rebirth of the stream as a sportsman’s paradise.” John Gartner, *Western Outdoor News*, October 30, 1959.”

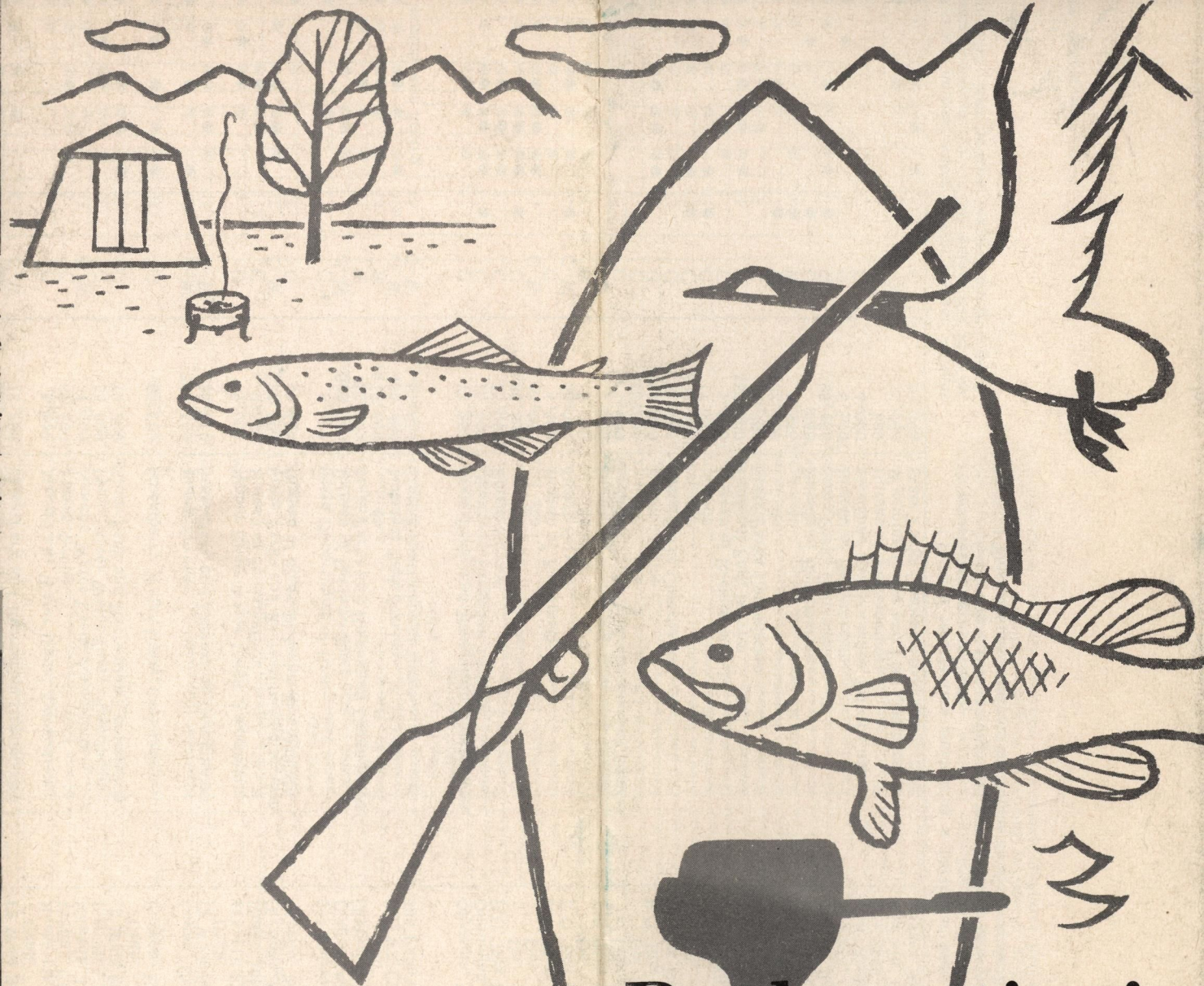
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It is the policy of the Bureau of Reclamation to transfer reserve areas to other Federal, State, or local governmental organizations for administration and development of recreation resources. On the reverse side of this folder is a directory of such facilities. Specific questions regarding phases of recreation not answered by the directory should be directed to the administering agency. Questions pertaining to dates of fishing and hunting seasons and license fees should be referred to the fish and game department of the State in which the recreational area is located.

The listing of hunting and fishing areas in the directory is solely for your information. It is not intended to reflect the quality or intensity of such hunting and fishing.



State	Project	Name of lake, reservoir, etc.	Nearest town or city (over 500 population)	Recreational use ²										Total number of visitor days in 1959	Administering agency ⁴	
				Shoreline miles	Potable water	Picnicking	Camping	Swimming	Boating	Boating permits required	Rental boats	Lodging	Cabin sites for lease		Name	Address
Arizona	Salt River	Apache Lake	Mesa, Ariz.	42										50,000	Forest Service	104 North 5th St., Phoenix, Ariz.
Do	Do	Bartlett Reservoir	Phoenix, Ariz.	125,000										Do	Do	Do
Do	Do	Canyon Lake	Mesa, Ariz.	225,000										Do	Do	Do
Do	Do	Shoshone Reservoir	Phoenix, Ariz.	100,400										Do	Do	Do
Do	Do	Roosevelt Lake	Globe, Ariz.	126,000										Do	Do	Do
Do	Do	Sahuaro Lake	Mesa, Ariz.	225,000										Do	Do	Do
Ariz.-Calif.	Parker-Davis	Havasu Lake	Needles, Calif.	200										317,920	Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife	P.O. Box 1717, Parker, Ariz.
Do	Do	Imperial Reservoir	Yuma, Ariz.	63										89,940	Do	P.O. Box 1032, Yuma, Ariz.
Ariz.-Nev.	Boulder Canyon	Lake Mead ³	Boulder City, Nev.	550										3,088,299	National Park Service	601 Nevada Ave., Boulder City, Nev.
Do	Do	Lake Mohave	Kingman, Ariz.	302,275										187,579	Do	Do
Ariz.-Utah	Colorado River Storage	Powell Lake (Glen Canyon)	Page, Ariz.	1,700										513,609	County Division of Parks	P.O. Box 2097, Page, Ariz.
California	Cachuma	Cachuma Reservoir	Solvang, Calif.	38										6,000	County Parks and Recreation Department	Court House, Santa Barbara, Calif.
Do	Central Valley	Lake Wooloomes	Delano, Calif.	4										1,760,000	State Division of Beaches and Parks	Bakersfield, Calif.
Do	Do	Folsom Lake	Folsom, Calif.	75										5,190	Bureau of Reclamation	P.O. Box 877, Folsom, Calif.
Do	Do	Keswick Reservoir	Redding, Calif.	19										216,000	State Division of Beaches and Parks	P.O. Box 471, Redding, Calif.
Do	Do	Lake Natoma	Folsom, Calif.	14										792,174	State Division of Beaches and Parks	P.O. Box 877, Folsom, Calif.
Do	Do	Millerton Lake	Clovis, Calif.	43										1,290,357	Forest Service	722 Capitol Ave., Sacramento, Calif.
Do	Do	San Luis Wasteway	Los Banos, Calif.	5										130,500	El Dorado County	1615 Continental St., Redding, Calif.
Do	Do	Shasta Lake ³	Redding, Calif.	365										845,000	Lake Berryessa Park Commission	5520 Knoxvile Road, Napa, Calif.
Do	Do	Sly Park	Placerville, Calif.	8										55,000	Bureau of Reclamation	P.O. Box 2511, Sacramento, Calif.
Do	Do	Lake Berryessa	Winters, Calif.	160										28,000	Orland Unit Water Users' Association	Orland, Calif.
Do	Do	Lake Solano	do	5										21,700	Do	Do
Do	Do	East Park Reservoir	Willows, Calif.	25										3,700	Washoe County Water Conservancy District	Title Insurance Building, Reno, Nev.
Do	Do	Stony Gorge	do	14										800	Ventura River Municipal Water District	Box 37, Oak View, Calif.
Do	Truckee Storage	Boca Reservoir	Truckee, Calif.	14										50,153	Bureau of Reclamation	Box 312, Klamath Falls, Oreg.
Do	Do	Lake Casitas	Oak View, Calif.	31										28,496	Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife	Box 74, Route 1, Tulelake, Calif.
Calif.-Oreg.	Klamath	Clear Lake	Tulelake, Calif.	65										1,118,642	National Park Service	Do
Do	Do	Lower Klamath Lake	Klamath Falls, Oreg.	32										10,300	Colorado Game and Fish Commission	1530 Sherman St., Denver, Colo.
Do	Do	Tule Lake	Tulelake, Calif.	28										109,278	Physicians Building, Fort Collins, Colo.	Estes Park, Colo.
Colorado	Colorado-Big Thompson	Shadow Mountain-Lake Granby	Granby, Colo.	48										28,580	Rocky Mt. Metropolitan Reclamation District	Estes Park, Colo.
Do	Do	Watson Lake	Laporte, Colo.	1										1,066	County of Reclamation	P.O. Box 449, Loveland, Colo.
Do	Do	Carter Lake	Berthoud, Colo.	8										19,745	Colorado Game and Fish Commission	1530 Sherman St., Denver, Colo.
Do	Do	East Portal Reservoir	Estes Park, Colo.	1										241,484	Larimer County Recreation Board	Physicians Building, Fort Collins, Colo.
Do	Do	Flatiron Reservoir	Loveland, Colo.	2										90,234	Rocky Mt. Metropolitan Reclamation District	Estes Park, Colo.
Do	Do	Green Mountain Reservoir	Kremmling, Colo.	19										2,016	Larimer County Recreation Board	Physicians Building, Fort Collins, Colo.
Do	Do	Horsetooth Reservoir	Fort Collins, Colo.	25										1,025	Colorado Game and Fish Commission	1530 Sherman St., Denver, Colo.
Do	Do	Lake Estes	Estes Park, Colo.	1										3,700	Orchard City Irrigation District	Austin, Colo.
Do	Do	Marys Lake	Loveland, Colo.	3										4,125	Bureau of Reclamation	P.O. Box 640, Durango, Colo.
Do	Do	Rattlesnake Reservoir	Granby, Colo.	7										40,025	Colorado Game and Fish Commission	1530 Sherman St., Denver, Colo.
Do	Do	Willow Creek Reservoir	Cedaredge, Colo.	14										313,330	Forest Service	Durango, Colo.
Do	Fruitgrowers Dam	Jackson Gulch Reservoir	Mancos, Colo.	4										9,850	do	P.O. Box 480, Monte Vista, Colo.
Do	Do	Bonny Dam and Reservoir	Burlington, Colo.	15										10,800	National Park Service	Box 1728, Santa Fe, N. Mex.
Do	Do	Vallecito Dam and Reservoir	Durango, Colo.	14										14,100	Forest Service	Boise, Idaho
Do	Do	Platoro Dam and Reservoir	Antonito, Colo.	9										10,600	Bureau of Reclamation	Do
Do	Do	Taylor Park Reservoir	Gunnison, Colo.	10										15,000	Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife	Route 1, Nampa, Idaho
Colo.-N. Mex.	Colorado River Storage	Navajo ¹	Aztec, N. Mex.	150										6,750	Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District	Lewiston, Idaho
Idaho	Boise	Anderson Ranch Reservoir	Mountain Home, Idaho	50										310	do	Do
Do	Do	Arrowrock Reservoir	Boise, Idaho	60										18,400	State Land Commissioners	Burley, Idaho
Do	Do	Black Canyon Reservoir	Emmett, Idaho	22										5,450	State Land Commissioners	Pocatello, Idaho
Do	Do	Cascade Reservoir	Cascade, Idaho	86										1,210	Blaine County Commissioners	Burley, Idaho
Do	Do	Deadwood Reservoir	do	21										212,550	Forest Service	Hailey, Idaho
Do	Do	Lake Lowell	Nampa, Idaho	28										394,366	Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission	St. Anthony, Idaho
Do	Lewiston Orchards	Manns Lake	Lewiston, Idaho	3										211,558	Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife	Pratt, Kans.
Do	Do	Soldiers Meadow Reservoir	do	4										282,106	Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission	Kirwin, Kans.
Do	Do	Lake Waha	do	3										247,217	Webber, Kans.	Webber, Kans.
Do	Do	American Falls Reservoir	American Falls, Idaho	100										692	Forest Service	Pratt, Kans.
Do	Do	Island Park Reservoir	do	64										17,870	Mirage Flats Irrigation District	Kalispell, Mont.
Do	Do	Lake Walcott	Rupert, Idaho	80										32,500	Nebraska Game, Forestry and Parks Commission	Lincoln, Nebr.
Do	Do	Little Wood Reservoir	Carey, Idaho	9										130,075	do	Do
Do	Do	Palisades Reservoir	Ririe, Idaho	70										11,430	do	Do
Kansas	Missouri River Basin	Cedar Bluff Reservoir	Ellis, Kans.	394,366										253,820	do	Do
Do	Do	Kirwin Reservoir	Phillipsburg, Kans.	37										86,000	do	Do
Do	Do	Lovewell Reservoir	Lovewell, Kans.	44										1,705	Pershing County Water Conservancy District	Lovelock, Nev.
Do	Do	Webster Reservoir	Stockton, Kans.	20										45,000	Truckee-Carson Irrigation District	Fallon, Nev.
Montana	Bitterroot	Lake Como Reservoir	Hamilton, Mont.	8										78,250	Bureau of Reclamation	P.O. Box 1609, Amarillo, Tex.
Do	Hungry Horse	Hungry Horse Reservoir ³	Columbia Falls, Mont.	120										3,100	Carlsbad Irrigation District	Carlsbad, N. Mex.
Do	Milk River	Fresno Reservoir	Hayre, Mont.	65										12,500	do	Do
Do	Do	Nelson Reservoir	Malta, Mont.	29										6,000	Bureau of Reclamation	P.O. Box 1609, Amarillo, Tex.
Do	Do	Lake Bowdoin	do	14										114,000	do	211 U.S. Court House, El Paso, Tex.
Do	Do	Sherbourne Reservoir	Browning, Mont.	240										1,210,000	Bureau of Reclamation	Do
Do	Missouri River Basin	Canyon Ferry Reservoir	East Helena, Townsend, Mont.	76										2,200	Vermejo Conservancy District	Maxwell, N. Mex.
Do	Do	Tiber Reservoir	Tiber Dam, Mont.	78										79,500	City Park Board	Dickinson, N. Dak.
Do	Do	Gibson Reservoir	Augusta, Mont.	15										38,855	North Dakota Game and Fish Department	Bismarck, N. Dak.
Do	Do	Pishkun Reservoir	Choteau, Mont.	10										230,000	Stutsman County Park Board	Jamestown, N. Dak.
Do	Do	Willow Creek Reservoir	Augusta, Mont.	11										1,019,650	Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Do	Do	Greenfield Lake	Fairfield, Mont.	13										32,000	Fort Cobb Reservoir Master Conservancy District	Fort Cobb, Okla.
Nebraska	Mirage Flats	Box Butte Reservoir	Hemingford, Nebr.	11										150	Bureau of Reclamation	P.O. Box 937, Boise, Idaho
Do	Missouri River Basin	Enders Reservoir	Imperial, Nebr.	26										20,930	Forest Service	Bend, Oreg.
Do	Do	Harry Strunk Lake	Cambridge, Nebr.	29										45,040	do	Box 312, Klamath Falls, Oreg.
Do	Do	Milburn Diversion Dam	Sargent, Nebr.	30										5,477	Bureau of Reclamation	Do
Do	Do	Swanson Lake	Trenton, Nebr.	1										109,000	Ochoco Irrigation District	Prineville, Oreg.
Do	Do	Minatare Reservoir	Minatare, Nebr.	10										109,000	Bureau of Reclamation	P.O. Box 937, Boise, Idaho
Nevada	Humboldt	Rye Patch Reservoir	Lovelock, Nev.	72										8,000	Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife	Box 3737, Portland 8, Oreg.
Do	Newlands	Lahontan Reservoir	Fallon, Nev.	69										3,600	do	Do
New Mexico	Carlsbad	Alamogordo Reservoir	Ft. Sumner, N. Mex.	59										2,500	Bureau of Reclamation	P.O. Box 937, Boise, Idaho
Do	Do	Avalon Reservoir	Carlsbad, N. Mex.	26										1,000	Forest Service	P.O. Box 4137, Portland, Oreg.
Do	Do	McMillan Reservoir	do	15										7,850	Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife	1006 West Lake St., Minneapolis, Minn.
Do	Do	El Vado Reservoir	Chama, N. Mex.	27										70,900	South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks	Pierre, S. Dak.
Do	Middle Rio Grande	Caballo Reservoir	Truth or Consequences, N. Mex.	75										555,600	Forest Service	Custer, S. Dak.
Do	Do	Elephant Butte Reservoir	do	250										83,000	South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks	Pierre, S. Dak.
Do	Vermejo	Stubblefield and Reservoir Nos. 2 and 13	Raton, N. Mex.	14										9,800	Forest Service	Custer, S. Dak.
North Dakota	Missouri River Basin	Dickinson Reservoir	Dickinson, N. Dak.	26										12,700	State Park and Recreation Commission	19 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
Do	Do	Elgin, Glen Ullin, N. Dak.	Elgin, N. Dak.	55										1,800	Moon Lake Water Users' Association	Roosevelt, Utah
Do	Do	Jamestown Reservoir	Jamestown, N. Dak.	45										67,100	Forest Service	Vernal, Utah
Oklahoma	W. C. Austin	Altus Reservoir	Altus, Okla.	49										1,400	Newtown Water Users' Association	Newtown, Utah
Do	Washita Basin	Fort Cobb Reservoir	Fort Cobb, Okla.	48										55,000	Provo River Water Users' Association	P.O. Box 1, Provo, Utah
Oregon	Baker	Thief Valley Reservoir	North Powder, Oreg.	10										10,200	State Park and Recreation Commission	19 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
Do	Burley River	Unity Reservoir	Prairie City, Oreg.	10										43,750	Strawberry Water Users' Association	Payson, Utah
Do	Deschutes	Crane Prairie Reservoir	Bend, Oreg.	24										225,560	Forest Service	Logan, Utah
Do	Do	Wickiup Reservoir	do	48										28,070	State Park and Recreation Commission	19 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
Do	Klamath	Gerber Reservoir	Klamath Falls, Oreg.	17										9,000	Weber River Water Users' Association	415-416 Eccles Building, Ogden, Utah
Do	Do	Upper Klamath Lake	do	98										9,800	Dutch John, Utah	Dutch John, Utah
Do	Ochoco	Ochoco Reservoir	Prineville, Oreg.	8										128,500	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Olympia, Wash.
Do	Owyhee	Owyhee Reservoir	Nyssa, Oreg.	150										49,530	Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife	Othello, Wash.
Do	Umatilla	Cold Springs Reservoir	Hermiston, Oreg.	12										5,600	State Department of Game	509 Fairview Ave. North, Seattle, Wash.
Do	Do	McKay Reservoir	Pendleton, Oreg.	7										500,000	Bureau of Reclamation	Coulee Dam, Wash.
Do	Vale	Agency Valley Reservoir	Vale, Oreg.	20		</										



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