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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

“Departmental Report No. 2 from May 1 To
June 1, 1919 – To His Excellency C.C. Moore,
Acting Governor Of The State Of Idaho,”
by W.G. Swendsen, Idaho State
Commissioner of Reclamation

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DEPARTMENT OF RECLAMATION

BOISE, IDAHO.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT NO. 2 from MAY 1 to JUNE 1, 1919.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, C. C. MOORE,

ACTING GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IDAHO.

SIR:

I have the honor to offer the following report of the activities of the Department of Reclamation during the month of May, and I trust you will find the same correct, in proper form, and containing such information as you desire.

WATER RESOURCES.

Owing to the extreme shortage of water, occasioned by a very light precipitation and snow-fall, most of the time of the various help in the Department of Reclamation has been taken up in handling the various water difficulties and controversies at various parts of the state during the past month.

This shortage is particularly acute in the Big and Little Lost River water sheds, the Snake River water shed, the Big and Little Wood River water sheds, and in fact in practically all of the territory of southern and southeastern Idaho.

During seasons of normal flow, the Snake River is at this time at flood stage and a considerable quantity of water has heretofore, at this time of the year, been wasting over the Milner Dam, whereas during this season the stream has been entirely used for irrigation purposes at this point for some weeks past.

The shortage on the Snake and Big Lost Rivers has become so acute that it has been found necessary and advisable to issue warnings to the various water

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users thereunder by circular letter to the more important and larger interests, and by the publication of notices in the newspapers to all of the interested parties. All of the Watermasters and Field Forces on streams where the water supply is short, have been charged with the importance of delivering water to the various users in accordance with their respective rights, and only in such quantities as can be put to a beneficial use. The various water users have been advised that under the existing circumstances, the wasting of water will not be permitted.

By the co-operative arrangement with the United States Geological Survey and this department, Mr. G. Clyde Baldwin has been placed in charge of the distribution of the waters of Snake River, and is in charge of a branch office of the United States Geological Survey which has been opened in the Federal Building at Idaho Falls, and in addition to his duties in distributing the water of Snake River to the respective users thereunder, Mr. Baldwin will conduct a special study of the water supply of Snake River which should result in a complete inventory of this valuable state asset or resource.

In addition to the foregoing, the following miscellaneous and routine matters have been handled by the Bureau of Water Resources. One hundred and eight applications for permit to appropriate the public waters of the state of Idaho have been received and considered by this department during the month of May. Various water controversies have been looked into and settled.

Upon receipt of a complaint concerning the condition of the Murphy Irrigation District Dam on Sinker Creek, careful investigations were conducted and the Irrigation District were permitted to, after making certain improvements, impound some 500 acre feet more water than had heretofore been in their reservoir.

Meetings have been held with the water users at Arco, Moore and Mackay on the Big Lost River; at Idaho Falls and various other points on the Snake River.

CAREY ACT

The West End Twin Falls, or what is now known as the Idaho Farms Development Company's Carey Act Project in Twin Falls and Owyhee Counties is under construction and the work is progressing satisfactorily. Field examinations have been made at this project from time to time during the month. Examinations have also been made of the Keating, Idaho Irrigation Company, North Side Twin Falls Land and Water Company, and the Darlington Land and Water Company Carey Act Projects.

Owing to the extreme dry season, the water supply available to some of the Carey Act Projects in this state is very short and some crop damage may result.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Under the provisions of Chapter 29 of the Emergency Laws of the Fifteenth Session wherein Thirty Thousand Dollars was appropriated for channel improvements in the South Fork of Snake River, two small contracts, aggregating \$1175.00 and \$1450.00 each, have been completed, approved and the payment therefor ordered. Owing to right-of-way difficulties, the bulk of the improvement work contemplated under the provisions of this Act has not been completed. On account of the fact that little or no flood water has occurred during this year, this delay has not proven serious. Plans are now under way to overcome this difficulty, and it is the purpose of this department to, if possible, complete this river improvement work during the present summer.

There is submitted herewith a financial statement showing, in addition to other things, the condition of the funds appropriated by this department as of May 31st. There is also submitted herewith a statement showing the receipts from various sources of this department during the month of May.

Yours very truly,

W. G. Swendsen

Commissioner of Reclamation.

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