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Forty-nine additional conservation projects under the Accelerated Public Works Program which will involve a total investment of \$4,970,000 among 18 States were announced today by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

The projects will generate nearly 500 man-years of work in localities certified by the Area Redevelopment Administration as having a high rate of unemployment.

Included in the allotments announced today is more than \$1 million in road building jobs on public lands in western Oregon to speed the salvaging of millions of board feet of valuable timber downed by a heavy storm in October 1962.

High on the list of new projects are improvements to recreational facilities in National Parks, Indian Reservations, and public-land areas to enhance their use by the public. Improved roads, new camping facilities, more adequate parking facilities, and intensified range-improvement programs are included in the betterments.

The allotments announced today bring to \$37,072,600 the amount to be administered by the Department of the Interior under the Accelerated Public Works Program which was signed into law by President Kennedy September 14, 1962.

Following is a State-by-State breakdown of the latest projects:

### **Alaska**

Upper Yukon Project - This project in Election District 20 will provide a mile of road construction and 10 family recreation units on the public domain, generating the equivalent of two man-years of work with an investment of \$21,000 The Upper Yukon Project will open Eagle Lake to the public.

Valdez-Chitina-Whittier Project - Ten family recreation units, two boat docks, and two miles of access roads will feature a \$16,000 development at Mankomen Lake in Election District 8. The equivalent of one man-year of work will be provided.

The Upper Yukon and the Valdez-Chitina-Whittier projects are the first investments for recreation on the public domain in Alaska since statehood in 1959

### **Arizona**

Colorado River Reservation - An investment of \$21,300 in Yuma County will provide 3 man-years employment in the control of erosion and improvement of soil productivity.

### **Arkansas**

Pea Ridge National Military Park - This \$95,000 restoration project in Benton County will create 9.5

man-years of employment. Included in the project will be the preservation of the historic sites of the Battle of Pea Ridge, which was fought in 1862, and the construction of roads and trails through areas of this military park.

## **California**

Ukiah Project - The Ukiah area of Mendocino County will have a

\$120,000 program of public-land improvements creating 8 man-years of onsite labor in constructing the Red Mountain access road and developing a forest stand on 400 acres.

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area - A supplemental Accelerated Public Works allocation of \$160,000 has been earmarked for this new recreation area on Whiskeytown Reservoir, near Redding, Shasta County. Approximately 15.5 man-years of work will be required for constructing parking areas and a marina access road in Oak Bottom, parking areas and walks at the beach and Contact Station at Brandy Creek, and a parking area at Whiskey Creek.

Eureka Project - A \$150,000 road-building project adds to the \$70,000 previously authorized for development of the highly significant Kings Range recreation area in Humboldt County. The project calls for survey, design and construction of 5 miles of access roads into the area, creating eight man-years of work.

## **Colorado**

Alamosa Project - Improvements on the national land reserve in Alamosa County will create six man-years of employment under an investment of \$54,000 on Federal rangelands. Scheduled are 7.5 miles of fencing, three wells, three detention dams, 200 check dams, chaining and seeding on 1,200 acres and plowing and seeding on 1,000 acres.

Huerfano Project - Range improvements on the national land reserve in Huerfano County will create employment equaling four man-years. The \$40,000 project involves seven spring developments, 12 miles of fencing, five detention dams, one well, and chaining and seeding on 1,000 acres.

Conejos Project - In Conejos County, an \$81,000 public-land improvement program will see 1,000 acres seeded, 750 acres subjected to brush control, and five miles of fencing installed. Six water-development projects also are scheduled along with the building of two detention dams and JOO gully plugs to curb rapid runoff of surface water. Eight man-years of on-site employment will result.

## **Kentucky**

Mammoth Cave National Park - A project involving an investment of \$92,000 and the equivalent of 10 man-years work will be used for constructing sewage processing improvements at this historic cave in Edmonson County.

## **Montana**

Butte Project - A \$160,000 project having statewide implications will center in Silver Bow County, an area with substantial unemployment. Ten man-years of employment will be devoted to fabricating 200 cattle guards and 200 wooden gates for use on the national land reserve throughout Montana.

Carbon Project - Public land in Carbon County will be the scene of \$50,000 in improvements, including 20 miles of truck trail construction, building of a bridge at Silver Tip, correcting seepage on 20 reservoirs, and installation of a water-control structure in Weatherman Draw. Four man-years of employment will result.

## **Nevada**

Pyramid Lake Reservation - Eight man-years of work will be provided by an investment of \$56,800 in Washoe County for erosion control, improvement of soil productivity, and construction of a community center.

Walker River Reservation - A total of \$25,000 will be invested control erosion and improve soil productivity in Mineral County. Four man-years employment will result.

Mineral Project - In Mineral County, 47 miles of fencing to protect grazing areas will be installed on public land at a cost of \$50,000. Six man-years of employment will be created.

## **New Mexico**

Jicarilla Reservation - Grading and surfacing of reservation roads, erosion control, and improvement of soil productivity will result from an investment of \$98,000 in Rio Arriba and Sandoval counties. The projects will create the equivalent of employment for 14 men for a year.

Mescalero Reservation - In Otero County, timber stand improvement and soil and moisture conservation will be undertaken through an investment of \$100,000, Eighteen man-years of employment will result.

San Juan Reservation - Erosion control and improvement of soil productivity are scheduled for Rio Arriba County under an investment of \$55,000, resulting in 4 man-years of employment.

Taos Reservation - Taos County will be the site of construction and improvement of community centers, erosion control, improvement of soil productivity, and boundary fencing. An investment of \$100,000 will finance this work and provide 12 man-years of employment.

Grant Project - Large-scale range developments in Grant County will increase forage production on the national land reserve in a \$120,000 program. Creating employment equaling 24 man-years, the project involves 450 erosion-control structures, mesquite eradication on 13,000 acres, and rodent control on 120,000 acres.

McKinley Project - Stock watering facilities on the national land reserve will be improved by investment of \$150,000 in a project in McKinley County, where 20 livestock wells and storage facilities will create employment equaling 8 man-years.

San Juan Project - Employment equaling 32 man-years and an investment of \$400,000 will provide a new district office at Farmington for the Bureau of Land Management, five family camping units at the Angel Peak Recreation Site, and 20 livestock wells and storage facilities on Federal rangelands.

## **North Carolina**

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site - The equivalent of five man-years work will result from a \$40,000 investment to be used for erosion control, removing an old road, fences and several old buildings at this

scene of the earliest, ill-fated attempts to establish an English colony in America located in the present-day Dare County.

Great Smoky Mountain National Park - A \$160,000 project will be undertaken to improve the visitor's facilities in this National Park area in Swain County. Sixteen man-years employment will be provided for the construction of trail shelters and picnic area roads, vista clearing, and the removal of hazardous trees along trails and roads.

Qualla Reservation - The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina in Cherokee, Graham, Jackson, Swain counties, will benefit by an investment of \$119,500 in the construction of water and sewer systems, creating 10 man-years employment.

## **North Dakota**

Fort Berthold Reservation - Dunn, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer and Mountrail counties will be the sites of grading and surfacing of reservation roads at an investment of \$30,300 and will benefit by creating four man-years of work.

## **Oklahoma**

Eastern Shawnee - The Eastern Shawnee Indians of Ottawa County will benefit by the creation of eight man-years of work and an investment of \$40,000 in the control of erosion and improvement of soil productivity.

Five Civilized Tribes - The Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek and Seminole Indians who make up the Five Civilized Tribes will be helped through projects carried on in several counties, as follow:

Adair County: A \$90,000 investment and 12 man-years of work will reduce erosion and improve soil productivity.

Cherokee County: Grading and surfacing of reservation roads and soil and moisture conservation measures will be taken through an investment of \$40,000 and will result in 4.5 man-years of work.

Haskell County: Soil and moisture conservation measures will produce 2 man-years of employment under an investment of \$10,000.

Hughes County: An investment of \$20,000 will provide 4 man-years of work and carry out a program of soil and moisture conservation.

Love County: Soil and moisture conservation will be financed by an investment of \$6,000, providing one man-year of work.

Mayes County: An investment of \$55,000, creating 5.5 man-years of work, will center on grading and surfacing of reservation roads and soil and moisture conservation.

McIntosh County: The grading and surfacing of roads, and moisture conservation will take place with an investment of \$115,000 and provide 25 man-years of employment.

Quapaw: The Quapaw Indians of Ottawa County will benefit by an investment of \$30,000 in erosion control and improvement of soil productivity. Six man-years of work will result.

Platt National Park - A supplemental project to rehabilitate campgrounds in this Park area in the scenic foothills of the Arbuckle Mountains in Murray County will involve a \$35,000 investment and will provide five man-years of employment.

## **Oregon**

Yamhill Project - Part of a series of emergency road-building projects to aid salvage of wind thrown timber from the October 12, 1962 storm in Oregon, eight man-years of employment will be created in Yamhill County in a \$140,000 project to grade four miles on the "B" Section of the Bald Mountain Access Road.

Little Camp Creek Project - Another road project aimed at salvaging millions of board feet of downed timber, 2.2 miles of the Little Camp Creek Access Road in Douglas County, will require six man-years of employment with an investment of \$95,000.

Union Creek Project - This Douglas County project will employ the equivalent of 14 man-years in a \$225,000 grading job on the Union Creek Access Road. Scene of much damage in the autumn windstorm, Douglas County is an area with substantial unemployment.

Cow Creek Project - Eleven man-years of employment will be created by an investment of \$175,000 in grading 2.4 miles of the West Fork of the Cow Creek Access Road, necessary in removing salvaged timber.

Coquille Ridge Project - Increased employment equaling 17 man-years will be created in the North Bend-Coos Bay area of Coos County in this \$268,000 project to grade 4.6 miles on the North Fork, Coquille River Access Road, and another vital link in the timber salvage operations.

Quartzville Project - Two miles of the Yellowbottom Road, 2.5 miles of the Yellowstone Road, and three miles of the Boulder Creek Road will expand the Quartzville Project in Linn County, creating

17 man-years of employment under an investment of \$250,000.

## **South Dakota**

Pine Ridge Reservation - Bennett, Shannon, and Washabaugh counties will be the sites of grading and surfacing of reservation roads, erosion control, and improvement of soil productivity. The work will result from an investment of \$183,300 and will create 26 man-years of work.

## **Tennessee**

Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Seventeen man-years of work will result from an investment of \$174,000 to be used for vista clearing, rehabilitating structures, removing unwanted undergrowth, slope stabilization, and the construction of nature trails and trail shelters in Sevier County.

## **Utah**

Provo-Orem Project - Access to public lands for both Government and general public use will come from a truck trail project in Utah County. Along with a need for 25,000 juniper posts, the Provo-Orem Project will provide 35 man-years of employment with an investment of \$224,000.

## **Washington**

Olympic National Park - A \$70,000 project to construct visitors' facilities in Mason County will create seven man-years of employment. This amount will supplement the \$115,500 in an earlier Accelerated Public Works program allotment for adjacent Grays Harbor County announced January 18, 1963.

## **Wyoming**

Wind River Reservation - An investment of \$43,800 will be made to bring about erosion control and improved soil productivity in Fremont and Hot Springs counties, creating six man-years of work.

Rock Springs Project - In Sweetwater County, in the vicinity of Rock Springs, \$116,000 will be invested in building 78 miles of fence and in creating eight family recreation units for use by the public. The equivalent of eight man-years of employment will result.

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