

BUREAU OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

22. What is the basis in detail for the benefits claimed for outdoor recreation?

Benefits in the February 1967 report on the Central Arizona Project for outdoor recreation at Hooker Reservoir are those reported in the Pacific Southwest Water Plan of 1964, as follows:

Activities	Visitor-days	Value (per day)	Total
General use.....	30,000	\$0.52	\$15,600
Boating and skiing.....	10,000	.55	5,500
Camping.....	15,000	.50	7,500
Total.....			28,600

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation is currently making a detailed study of use, costs, and benefits for the Hooker Project. New benefit figures are being developed. Indications are that they will be higher than the above.

23. Are the benefits claimed for outdoor recreation adequately discounted for the negative effect on outdoor recreation which would be caused by the intrusion of the reservoir on the Gila Wilderness and Primitive Areas?

The outdoor recreation benefits displayed above have not been discounted for negative effect. Possible negative effects of Hooker Reservoir resulting from minor intrusion on the existing wilderness are being evaluated by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

24. How would a site for the project, downstream of the Hooker site, compare with Hooker site for conventional outdoor recreation?

Storage downstream from the Hooker site has been considered by the Bureau of Reclamation to be undesirable for other purposes, and no recreation study has been made.

35. Has the prospective value of the Hooker Reservoir for conventional outdoor recreation and sport fishing been assessed by a qualified expert or experts on those subjects?

Recreation resources specialists of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation are currently making a detailed recreation study of the Hooker Project. This study is being coordinated with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

If we can be of further service in this matter, please call on us.

Sincerely yours,

FLOYD E. DOMINY, *Commissioner.*

Mr. ASPINALL. I thank the gentleman from Arizona for yielding. He is now recognized.

Mr. SAYLOR. I ask that he yield.

Mr. UDALL. I yield for one further reasonable request.

Mr. SAYLOR. I ask unanimous consent that the Secretary of the Interior be directed to furnish to the committee a copy of a report which was made in 1967 from the chief design engineer, Ralph Charles, with regard to the Conner damsite.

[NOTE.—The Bureau of Reclamation is not aware of any such report as requested. Mr. Ralph Charles also stated that he had not prepared any such report.]

Mr. HOSMER. Reserving the right to object, is that one that—

Mr. SAYLOR. This is again the same river, has nothing to do with the Colorado. It is simply a proposed damsite in the State of New Mexico.

Mr. UDALL. It is a proposed alternate for Hooker Dam, as I understand it.

Mr. SAYLOR. That is correct.

Mr. HOSMER. I withdraw my reservation.

Mr. ASPINALL. Is there objection?

(No response.)

Mr. ASPINALL. Hearing none, it is so ordered.