

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

Fifth Irrigation District

Box 445, Albuquerque, N. M.

August 3, 1931

Mr. E. R. McCray, Superintendent
Northern Navajo Agency
Shiprock, New Mexico

Dear Mr. McCray:

Our water development program for the Navajo country for this year has been approved, and it contemplates building seven earth reservoirs and the operation of one well crew for a period of six months in your jurisdiction. The work is to be confined to the area west of the reservation boundary and east and north of the Chaco.

It is planned to build the reservoirs with the use of Indian teams, paying them at the rate of about 20¢ a cubic yard for earth work, \$1.00 a square yard for riprapping, and about \$1.50 a yard for spillway excavation.

The dams for these reservoirs are to be about ten feet or less in height and to hold water for winter grazing only. It is planned to begin construction of them some time in September, in order that we may have them laid out in sufficient time. We are asking you to obtain as much information as possible regarding the location of reservoir sites, so that when Mr. Womack visits there he will be able to make the selection of the seven to be built this year. We are asking this because we know that your stockmen and the Indians themselves probably have in mind many reservoir sites in that area, and if they can be pointed out to Mr. Womack, it will save him much time.

Thanking you for any help you can give us in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

H. C. Neuffer
H. C. NEUFFER,
Supervising Engineer.

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