

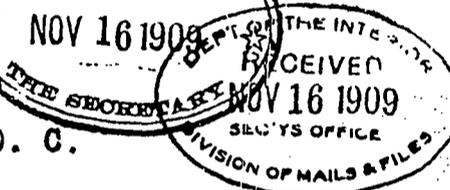
he proposed
Ganado, Ariz.,
reservoir site.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,



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Office Los Angeles, Cal.,
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The Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.



Sir:

While in Washington last winter I was verbally requested by the Indian Office to have an examination made of a proposed reservoir site near Ganado, Arizona, on the Navajo reservation.

Superintendent Robinson made a preliminary investigation and report, and a copy of the latter is enclosed.

Although Superintendent Robinson's report seems to indicate that this project is feasible, I do not see how it can be undertaken at this time. All of the money that can be spared from the irrigation fund on Indian reservations for 1910 will be required in the prosecution of the San Juan project on the Navajo reservation. This latter work is undoubtedly the most practicable that can be undertaken on this great reservation, and should be constructed as rapidly as possible.

The uncertainty about the feasibility of the Ganado reservoir project rests chiefly with the character of earth dam contemplated.

Before finally recommending such a project I will go over the ground carefully with Consulting Engineer Quinton and endeavor to arrive at a solution of the problem involved, i.e.,

how to make an earthen dam from 14 to 20 feet in height and over a half mile in length, proof against gophers and other burrowing animals that infest Arizona embankments, without going to an expense not warranted in view of the small area of land that would be served.

Very respectfully,



Chief Engineer.

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Enclosure

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