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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN IRRIGATION SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF IRRIGATION

Albuquerque, N. M., February 7, 1910.

Mr. W. H. Code, Chief Engineer,  
Care Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I herewith forward a letter from Superintendent Maxwell relative to the Reservoir site near Leupp Arizona, with a proposition that the reservoir and the ditch system be built, the cost to be repaid by the Indian allottes, and stating that a large number of the Indians have expressed a desire that this be done, and a willingness to make the payments.

If these Indians were whites, it would be a good thing for the settlers and for the country, but it is a question for others to decide whether such a proposition could be safeguarded to insure the Indians carrying out the project.

The land is there, and it is good land. It is supposed that there is sufficient water, but there are no records on which to base the assumption that there is sufficient for the full tract under consideration.

The estimated cost, as shown in my report of November 1908, is \$282,786., at a cost of \$55.55 per acre, the acreage being 7384 under ditches, a possible extension to cover 2000 acres at a cost of \$10. per acre, and 600 acres of school land under a high line ditch.

Very truly,

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*H. F. Robinson*

Superintendent of Irrigation.