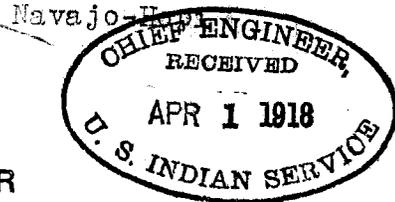


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN IRRIGATION SERVICE
SUPERINTENDENT OF IRRIGATION



Albuquerque N. M., March 26, 1918.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington. (Thro the Chief Engineer).

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from Foreman Womack in charge of the Navajo and Hopi Water Development, relative to the advisability of putting in one well in the Hopi country of a larger size than those put down for stock water, to test out the possibility of pumping a sufficient quantity of water for irrigation.

The Indians are very anxious to have this tested out, and if a success they stand ready to purchase at their own expense the pump, engine and all equipment necessary as well as the expense of moving the drill to the locality.

The cost to this service will be the time spent in drilling the hole, which as the water is only about 50 to 60 feet from the surface will not take much time, and the casing, which we have on hand.

A copy of Mr. Womack's letter is enclosed.

I would recommend that this be done. For some time I have had such a test in mind, and had told Mr. Womack and the driller to bear it in mind if the indications would at any place seem to warrant the work.

These Indians have no irrigation, and they need some assistance along these lines, and if they are so progressive that they are willing to bear the brunt of the work and expense they should be encouraged.

Very respectfully,

A. H. Robinson

Superintendent of Irrigation.

April 1 1918
Respectfully forwarded to the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs, with the recommendation
that it be approved if funds available.
W. S. Hanna
Subst. Irrigation