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Letter from Millin, Regional Forester, to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs (June 16, 1938), US0044644

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Commissioner
Office of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On July 9, 1936 Mr. D. E. Murphy, writing for the Commissioner to L. W. Page, Supervisor of E. C. W., instructed him to act as Production Coordinating Officer for several reservations in Districts 6 and 7.

He also stated: "Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Bristol and Mr. R. B. Millin will act as technicians and will pass upon projects pertaining to their respective Divisions.---Each of the men named should sign the programs submitted by the various superintendents, indicating concurrence, and the entire program should be approved by you."

On June 7th there was received by Acting Production Coordinator Caywood the proposed CCC-ID program for the fiscal year 1939 for the Carson Indian Agency at Stewart, Nevada. In accordance with the instructions given to Mr. Page, Mr. Caywood requested my signature for those items in this program dealing with forestry and grazing matters. These seemed to consist of:

Project 304 - Summit Lake boundary fence
" 305 - Installing pump equipment on Pyramid Lake Reservation
" 307 - Cattle guard, Pyramid Lake
" 314 - Cattle guard at Walker River Reservation
" 315 - Gathering sand grass seed
" 320 - Pine Nut range poisonous plant eradication
" 321 - Pine Nut range spring development
And the maintenance projects numbered 330-39 inclusive

The construction projects above, together with the maintenance projects are all recommended for approval except Projects 305, Installing Pump Equipment at Pyramid Lake Reservation and 320 and 321 Pine Nut Range Poisonous Plant Eradication and Spring Development respectively.

Project 305 is described as a continuation of a project for last year, which was numbered 260 and differed from 305 in a most

a successful completion under existing regulations.

Early in May I held a meeting with the Pyramid Lake Indians. At this meeting they pointed out the need for more work on the boundary fence There are numerous places where the original construction crew felt natural boundaries were adequate and so did not fence. Unfortunately at a number of these places stock come through and there is need to either fence that portion or to assist in making the natural boundary more effective. Until this is done neither the Indians or I can accept the statement made in Mr. Parcher's report that the boundary fence is completed in a satisfactory way.

It would have been difficult indeed, for anyone who attended the meeting at the Walker River Reservation, referred to in my recent report on the range management tour I made late in April with the boys of the Carson Indian School not to gain from the discussion of the Indians themselves that there was a very real need for water developments in the Double Springs Pasture and a drift fence from the Lake Pasture to the north end of the Gillis range.

In past years they approved the idea of developing a number of other charges on the reservation. Among other things most asked for were wells in the Robbers Creek and Pilot Cone Pastures. The wells are there but cannot now be used successfully. No provision is made in the present program for these and other items needed. To the missing items might be added the dams which the Indians asked for and which were approved by the Office as Project number 96 June 19, 1936. There were eight of them approved at that time, of which only one has ever been built. These are part of a sound range development program which was successfully carried out from 1935 to 1937.

A picture of the "Desert Tank" is shown on Page 10 of my recent report on the range management tour with the school boys. This picture shows it as a rock masonry dam rather than a cement dam as described in the letter of transmittal. It was my desire that the dam be made as useful as possible and last spring I requested that funds be made available to Mr. Kronquist who was supervising the construction, to raise it to its maximum potential height of about ten feet. I was assured this would be done, but personal inspection indicated in May that it had not been built to that height. No provision has been made for this additional construction in the new program.

Two deep wells were put down in what are known as the Robbers Rock and Pilot Cone pastures respectively. The Robbers Rock well is illustrated on Page 11 of my report previously referred to, but no storage facilities had been provided when the picture was taken in late April and none are provided in the program for the coming year. At that time I understood there was neither pump nor engine for the Pilot Cone well and no storage or drinking facilities of any kind are available.

revision contained in Mr. Caywood's letter.

Very truly yours,

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Regional Forester

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