

## Public Law 88-599

## AN ACT

September 18, 1964  
[S. 2447]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Whitestone Coulee unit of the Okanogan-Similkameen division, Chief Joseph Dam project, Washington, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purpose of furnishing a new and a supplemental water supply for the irrigation of approximately two thousand five hundred and fifty acres of land in Okanogan County, Washington, for the purpose of undertaking the rehabilitation and betterment of existing works serving a major portion of these lands, and for conservation and development of fish and wildlife resources and improvement of public recreation facilities, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain the Whitestone Coulee unit of the Okanogan-Similkameen division of the Chief Joseph Dam project, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto). The principal works of the unit shall consist of: facilities to permit enlargement and utilization of Spectacle Lake storage; related canal and conduits, diversion dam, pumping plants, and distribution systems; and necessary works incidental to the rehabilitation and expansion of the existing irrigation system.

Whitestone Coulee unit, Chief Joseph Dam project, Wash. Construction.

43 USC 371 note.

SEC. 2. The provisions of section 2 of the Act of July 27, 1954 (68 Stat. 568, 569), shall be applicable to the Whitestone Coulee unit of the Okanogan-Similkameen division of the Chief Joseph Dam project. The term "construction costs" used therein shall include any irrigation operation, maintenance, and replacement costs during the development period which the Secretary finds it proper to fund because they are beyond the ability of the water users to pay during that period.

"Construction costs."

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary is authorized as a part of the Whitestone Coulee unit to construct, operate, and maintain or otherwise provide for basic public outdoor recreation facilities, to acquire or otherwise to include within the unit area such adjacent lands or interests therein as are necessary for public recreation use, to allocate water and reservoir capacity to recreation, and to provide for public use and enjoyment of unit lands, facilities, and water areas in a manner coordinated with the other unit purposes. The Secretary is authorized to enter into agreements with Federal agencies or State or local public bodies for the operation, maintenance, and additional development of unit lands or facilities, or to dispose of unit lands or facilities to Federal agencies or State or local public bodies by lease, transfer, exchange, or conveyance, upon such terms and conditions as will best promote the development and operation of such lands or facilities in the public interest for recreation purposes. The costs of the aforesaid undertakings, including costs of investigation, planning, Federal operation and maintenance, and an appropriate share of the joint costs of the unit, shall be nonreimbursable. Nothing herein shall limit the authority of the Secretary granted by existing provisions of law relating to recreation development of water resources projects or the disposition of public lands for recreational purposes.

(b) The costs of means and measures to prevent loss of and damage to fish and wildlife resources shall be considered as project costs and allocated as may be appropriate among the project functions.

Project costs.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for construction of the new works involved in the Whitestone Coulee unit, of the Okanogan-Similkameen division of the Chief Joseph Dam project \$5,312,000, plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be required by reason of changes in the cost of construction work of the types involved therein as shown by engineering cost indices and, in addition thereto, such sums as may be required to operate and maintain said division.

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[S. 2370]

## AN ACT

Authorizing maintenance of flood and arroyo sediment control dams and related works to facilitate Rio Grande canalization project and authorizing appropriations for that purpose.

Rio Grande canalization project.  
Flood and sediment control.  
Agreements authorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purposes of facilitating and implementing operation and maintenance of the international Rio Grande canalization project, the United States Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is authorized to enter into agreements with the appropriate official or officials of local organizations, as defined in the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of August 4, 1954 (70 Stat. 1088), as amended (16 U.S.C.A. 1001, et seq.), for the maintenance by said local organizations either directly or indirectly through mutually satisfactory maintenance agreements with others, including the United States, of all those flood and arroyo sediment control dams, together with all related works, hereafter installed or constructed in the Rio Grande watershed between Caballo Dam and El Paso, Texas, in accordance with said Act, and which are necessary, in the opinion of said Commissioner, to facilitate and implement the operation and maintenance of said project.

Such maintenance agreements between the local organization and the United States shall provide the extent of contribution by the United States as may be mutually agreed by the two parties, based on the degree of benefits to be derived from said dams and related works, and the contribution by the United States may be either in the form of funds or performance of the actual operation and maintenance.

Control gates shall not be installed on any of the dams which, in the opinion of the United States Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, are necessary to facilitate and implement the operation and maintenance of the Rio Grande canalization project.

Arrangements made between the United States and the local organizations shall be satisfactory to the Secretary of Agriculture for defraying cost of maintaining such work of improvement in accordance with regulations prescribed by said Secretary.

Appropriation.

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated not in excess of \$23,000 per annum for contributions to maintenance authorized by this Act.

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