

BEFORE THE STATE ENGINEER OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE WITHDRAWAL FROM )  
FURTHER APPROPRIATION FOR IRRIGATION )  
PURPOSES OF THE WATERS OF OWYHEE RIVER ) ORDER  
AND ITS TRIBUTARIES, ABOVE THE HOLE- )  
IN-THE-GROUND RESERVOIR. )

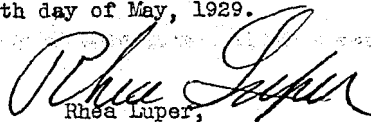
On application of the Department of Interior, United States Reclamation Service by F.A.Banks, Construction Engineer of Nyssa, Oregon, the matter of withdrawing the waters of Owyhee River from further appropriation for irrigation comes on for consideration.

The Reclamation Service is the holder of Permit No. R-599 for storage of 700,000 acre feet of water in the Hole-in-the-Ground Reservoir and for diversion and appropriation of 2200 cubic feet per second of the waters of the Owyhee River. This project contemplates the irrigation of approximately 121,000 acres of land under a most comprehensive scheme of development. Such lands lie in and adjacent to the Malheur and Owyhee Rivers in Oregon and along the Snake River and adjacent to said Malheur and Owyhee Rivers in Oregon and Idaho.

Available records of flow of the Owyhee River, the waters of which are to be utilized for said project, indicate that the entire unappropriated flow of this stream will be required for said project. It is believed that the proposed project now actually under construction will serve to utilize all of the now unappropriated waters of the Owyhee River to the best interests of the people of the State of Oregon. Because of the difficulty of administration and regulation of small appropriations of water for irrigation purposes which might be made above the reservoir, even though such rights would be initiated subject to the rights of the Reclamation Service for said Owyhee Project, no further permits should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all waters of the Owyhee River and its tributaries above the Owyhee or Hole-in-the-Ground Reservoir be and the same are hereby withdrawn from appropriation for irrigation purposes, and that no further permits to appropriate such water for such purpose will be granted by the State Engineer.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 27th day of May, 1929.

  
Rhea Luper,  
State Engineer.