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Flood Study Slated

Survey of Sevier Needs Set

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Survey of Redmond, that Sevier county town which has had more than its share of floods and high waters, will be made Sunday with the objective of winning governmental flood control assistance.

Sumner G. Margetts, director of the state planning board, and George W. Craddock, Ogden, senior range examiner of the United States forest servece, will meet Major Theodore Wyman Jr. and Captain George K. Withers, both attached to the Los Angeles district engineer's office, at Redmond on Sunday morning.

Redmond basements frequently have been flooded because of the high water table and the Sevier river channel being silted.

Widening of the river, together with construction of a dam with adjustable crests, would solve the Redmond situation, it is believed.

If the army engineers recommend that the project be pushed under the provisions of the flood control act, congress would have to appropriate the funds to finance the work.

Forest Service, Army Group See Flood Control Project

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OGDEN—Forest service and soil conservation officials and army engineers left Saturday for an inspection of the proposed Redmond flood control project in Sevier county.

A trip over the area will be undertaken by C. J. Olsen, assistant regional forester; George W. Chaddock, senior range examiner in charge of flood control for the intermountain forest and range experiment station; Sumner Margetts, secretary of the state soil conservation committee and chairman of the Utah state planning board; Major Theodore Wyman Jr. and Captain G. K. Withers, district army engineers stationed in Los Angeles.

Joining in the inspection will be Frank G. Martines of the Associated Civic Clubs of Southern Utah and Sevier county commissioners. The trip is a follow-up of the preliminary flood control hearings last September in Salt Lake City.

The national flood control act of 1936 as subsequently amended provides army engineers shall have supervision of downstream flood control, while the department of agriculture is given authority over upstream projects, particularly water retardation and soil erosion prevention.

Low farm lands southwest of Redmond have suffered for many years from deposits of silt coming down Sevier river and Salina canyon. The purpose of the inspection is to determine feasible procedure to remedy the situation.

Flood Survey Being Made In Sanpete Valley

Mt. Pleasant Pyramid

Howard E. Peterson representing the Department of Agriculture through its Flood Control Coordinating Committee which is made up of representatives of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, the Soil Conservation Service, and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics is initiating a preliminary flood control examination and report of the Sevier River watershed in Utah, with special attention for the present being given to the Salina Creek-Denmark Wash Drainages and the Sanpitch River. This survey is authorized under the provisions of the Flood Control Act of June 1938.

The purpose of this survey is to determine whether a flood problem exists on the watershed of serious enough proportions to warrant a detailed survey. The survey will be largely a fact-finding job involving the gathering of information that is already available in the offices of various agencies.

Pending the assignment of a full survey unit to the job, Mr. Howard E. Peterson will proceed with the prosecution of this work.

Mr. Peterson was in Mt. Pleasant the fore part of the week making observations and securing informational data relative to the flood problems we have in this valley. He is desirous of getting some flood pictures if there are any in this locality. Anyone having any of these flood pictures could render a service to the community by bringing them to The Pyramid office and they will be used in this flood survey.

Sevier Flood Study Opened

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