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Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall said today that ten more conservation projects totaling \$927,400 and assuring more than 100 man-years of employment have just been approved under the Accelerated Public Works Program for administration by the Department of the Interior.

The projects are in addition to the \$4,970,000 in public works allotments announced January 30 by Secretary Udall for 49 projects in 18 States.

The latest job generating betterments, certified by the Area Redevelopment Administration for areas with a high rate of unemployment, will be in seven States as follow:

Arizona

Navajo Indian Reservation

In Apache, Navajo, and Coconino counties, \$203,400 will be invested in improving forest stands and in soil and moisture conservation activities.. Thirty man-years of employment will result.

California

Round Valley Reservation--Mendocino County will be the site of \$20,000 in forest improvements. The equivalent of three man-years of employment is assured.

Minnesota

Fond du lac Reservation--In St. Louis County, in the Hibbing-Virginia area, \$25,000 will be invested in forest stand improvements, creating four man-years of work. In the same reservation in Carlton County, \$67,000 will be invested in grading and surfacing roads and in forest improvement. Seven man-years of new employment will result.

Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge--A total of \$39,000 will be invested in this strategic refuge in Marshall County to promote development of wildlife. Four man-years of employment will be created.

Montana

Hungry Horse Project--This well-known Bureau of Reclamation dam in Flathead County will be provided with a tour center building, a parking area, a picnic area, and other betterments for serving the visiting public. The work will result from an investment of \$175,000, creating the equivalent of 12 man-years of employment.

Lake Mason National Wildlife Refuge--A \$40,000 project will center on digging of wells, installation of fencing, cleaning ditches and repairing water control structures, and creating a shelter belt to guard against fire. The equivalent of four man-years of new employment is assured.

Oklahoma

Shawnee Reservation--In Pottawatomie County, 17 man-years of employment will be created in a \$140,000 project of grading and surfacing roads, improving timber stands, and conducting soil and moisture conservation work.

Washington

Quinalt Reservation--The equivalent of 30 man-years of employment will result in the Aberdeen area of Grays Harbor County through \$200,000 in betterments on this reservation. Work will include grading and surfacing roads, timber stand improvements, and soil and moisture conservation jobs.

Wisconsin

Lac du flambeau Reservation--In Oneida County, \$18,000 will be invested in grading and surfacing roads. The equivalent of two man-years of employment will result.

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