

Irrigating systems in Montana.
Fort Belknap Reservation

For maintenance and operation, including repairs of the irrigation systems on the Fort Belknap Reservation, in Montana, \$20,000, reimbursable in accordance with the provisions of the Act of April 4, 1910.

Flathead Reservation.

For continuing construction, maintenance, and operation of the irrigation systems on the Flathead Indian Reservation, in Montana, by and under the direction of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, including the purchase of any necessary rights or property, \$575,000:

Provided, That of the total amount herein appropriated not to exceed \$15,000 shall be available for operation and maintenance of the project, the balance to be available for the construction items hereinafter enumerated in not to exceed the following amounts: Pablo Feed Canal enlargement, \$100,000; Moiese Canal enlargement, \$15,000; South Side Jocko Canal, \$40,000; Hubbart Feed Canal, \$7,500; Camas A Canal, \$2,500; continuing construction of power plant, \$395,000, of which sum \$15,000 shall be immediately available for additional surveys and preparation of plans: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation, except the \$15,000 herein made immediately available, shall be expended on construction work until an appropriate repayment contract, in form approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall have been properly executed by a district or districts organized under State law embracing the lands irrigable under the project, except trust patent Indian lands, which contract, among other things, shall require repayment of all construction costs heretofore or hereafter incurred on behalf of such lands, with provision that the total construction cost on the Camas Division in excess of the amount it would be if based on the per acre construction cost of the Mission Valley Division of the project, shall be held and treated as a deferred obligation to be liquidated as hereinafter provided. Such contract shall require that the net revenues derived from the operation of the power plant herein appropriated for shall be used to reimburse the United States in the following order: First, to liquidate the cost of the power development; second, to liquidate payment of the deferred obligation on the Camas Division; third, to liquidate construction cost on an equal per acre basis on each acre of irrigable land within the entire project; and fourth, to liquidate operation and maintenance costs within the entire project. Provision shall also be contained therein requiring payment of operation and maintenance charges annually in advance of each irrigation season and prohibit the granting of a water right to or the use of water by any individual for more than one hundred and sixty acres of land irrigable under constructed works within the project after the Secretary of the Interior shall have issued public notice in accordance with the Act of May 18, 1916 (Thirty-ninth Statutes at Large, pages 123-130); all lands, except lands owned by individual Indians, at the date of public notice in excess of one hundred and sixty acres not disposed of by bona fide sale within two years after said public notice shall be conveyed in fee to the United States free of encumbrance to again become a part of the public domain under contract between the United States and the individual owners at the appraised price fixed at the instance of the Secretary of the Interior, such amount to be credited in reduction of the construction charge against the land within the project retained by such owner. All lands so conveyed to the United States shall be subject to disposition by the Secretary of the Interior in farm units at the appraised price, to which shall be added such amount as may be necessary to cover any accruals against the land and other costs arising from conditions and requirements prescribed by said Secretary: *Provided further*, That trust patent Indian lands shall not be subject to the provisions of the law of any district created as herein provided for but shall, upon the issuance of fee patent therefor, be accorded the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same obligations as other lands within such district or districts: *Provided further*, That all construction, operation, and maintenance costs, except such construction costs on the Camas Division held and treated as a deferred obligation herein provided

Provisos.
Aggregate amount.

Construction items.
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Power plant.

Contracts for repayment by irrigation districts, etc., required.

Cost of Camas Division a deferred obligation.

Application of net revenues.

Charges payable in advance.

Limitation to individual water use.

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Lands in excess of 160 acres to be conveyed to United States, if not sold in 5 years.

Owners credited with price.

Disposition of land conveyed to United States.

Trust patent Indian lands.

Construction charges a lien on lands within the project.

for, on this project shall be, and are hereby, made a first lien against all lands within the project, which lien upon any particular farm unit shall be released by the Secretary of the Interior after the total amount charged against such unit shall have been paid, and a recital of such lien shall be made in any instrument issued prior to such release by the said Secretary. The contracts executed by such district or districts shall recognize and acknowledge the existence of such lien: *Provided further*, That pending the issuance of public notice the construction assessment shall be at the same rate heretofore fixed by the Secretary of the Interior, but upon issuance of public notice the assessment rate shall be 2½ per centum per acre, payable annually, in addition to the net revenues derived from operations of the power plant as hereinbefore provided, of the total unpaid construction costs at the date of said public notice: *Provided further*, That the public notice above referred to shall be issued by the Secretary of the Interior upon completion of the construction of the power plant.

Assessment rate.

Issue of notice.

Fort Peck Reservation.
Operating divisions
of system.

For maintenance and operation of the Poplar River, Little Porcupine, and Big Porcupine divisions of the irrigation systems on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana, by and under the direction of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, including the purchase of any necessary rights or property, \$9,000 (reimbursable).

Blackfeet Reservation.
Operating divisions
of system.

For improvement, maintenance, and operation of the Two Medicine and Badger-Fisher divisions of the irrigation systems on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana, by and under the direction of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, including the purchase of any necessary rights or property, \$15,000 (reimbursable).

Crow Reservation.
Operating systems.

For maintenance and operation of the irrigation systems on the Crow Reservation, Montana, including maintenance assessments payable to the Two Leggings Water Users' Association, and Bozeman Trail Ditch Company, Montana, properly assessable against lands allotted to the Indians irrigable thereunder, \$5,000, to be reimbursed under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.