

Mid-Pacific Region Truckee Storage Project

The Truckee Storage Project on the Little Truckee River was constructed to provide a supplemental supply of irrigation water to approximately 29,000 acres of land in Truckee Meadows which surrounds Reno and Sparks, Nevada. Supplemental water provided by the Truckee Storage Project is stored in Boca Reservoir on the Little Truckee River and released for better regulation of the Truckee River in accordance with the Truckee River Agreement.

The President approved the project for construction on September 21, 1935. Funds for construction were made available under the provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act. The project's principal features include:

Boca Dam and Reservoir

Boca Dam and Reservoir on the Little Truckee River store water for Truckee River regulation and irrigation of lands on the Truckee Storage and Newlands Projects. In addition, the reservoir provides 8,000-acre-feet of flood control storage in the winter months between October and June. The reservoir has an active capacity of 40,870-acre-feet. The dam is a zoned earthfill structure.



Boca Dam and Reservoir

Construction

Construction of Boca Dam began April 24, 1937, and was completed before the irrigation season of 1939.

Benefits

Irrigation

Alfalfa, meadow hay, and pasture are the most important crops grown on the irrigated lands of the project in support of a thriving livestock and dairy industry. Next in importance are feed grains, followed by potatoes, onions, and truck crops.

Recreation and Fish and Wildlife

Boca Reservoir provides public recreation facilities for camping, picnicking, boating, fishing, and hunting, along with other recreational activities. The area is under administration of the U.S. Forest Service.

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