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RECREATION SITES DETERMINED
ON A COST-BENEFIT BASIS

Bob McNeil, assistant regional director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, said evaluations of possible recreation sites are on a cost-benefit basis. McNeil addressed a group attending the fourth of the nine-lecture series on Water Resources presented by the University of Montana Forestry School on the Missoula campus. Wednesday.

McNeil stated that the Bureau studies potential areas extensively and then makes the cost-benefit appraisal. He said they consider all possible aspects of the projects before evaluation or action on the project occurs. Public considerations are the foremost in the mind of the Bureau, stated McNeil.

McNeil illustrated the point by using the Sun River Project near Great Falls as a classic example. The Bureau studied three possible dam sights and found the Lowry site to be the best on the cost-benefit basis. The Bureau hopes to put a day-use recreation site within close proximity to the Electric City.

He concluded by saying there are several other comprehensive studies now under way in the Pacific Northwest in which Western Montana and the Missouri River Basin are a part.

The fifth in the series of lectures on the UM campus will feature Col. C. C. Holbrook, district engineer for the Army Corp of Engineers in Seattle. He will speak in Geology 107 next Wednesday (Feb. 8) at 3 p.m.