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PROTESTS EXPECTED IN WATER LECTURE BY ARMY ENGINEER AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

A flood of protest is expected Wednesday (Feb. 8) when the chief of the Seattle District of the Army Corps of Engineers explains the "Role of the Corps and the Values of Multipurpose Projects in Water Conservation" at the University of Montana.

Col. C. C. Holbrook will present the fifth in a nine-part lecture series on water resources from 3 to 5 p.m. in Geology 107 on the Missoula campus.

Col. Holbrook has conducted several meetings in Missoula concerning Libby Dam and multipurpose utilization of the Clark Fork.

Dr. Richard L. Konizeski, UM hydrology professor and series moderator, said feelings run high in western Montana on the multipurpose value of water.

The economy of the state is based on its water resources, according to Konizeski. Although agriculture has been Montana's chief industry, investigations by the Bonneville Power Administration and the state chamber of commerce have indicated that by 1980 recreation will overtake or surpass agriculture as the chief source of revenue for the state.

According to the professor, some Montanans feel that the Army Engineer's proposals, if implemented, will be detrimental to this potential prime industry.

Anyone interested in the advisability of building large multipurpose dams in Montana should plan to attend the Wednesday lecture, according to Dr. Konizeski.