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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 151, the Reclamation Authorization Act of 1975. The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate and maintain the Polecat Bench, Wyoming project, and the Pollock-Herreid unit, South Dakota. They are part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Program. The bill also authorizes modifications in the Dickinson Dam Project, North Dakota, and in the McKay Dam Project, Oregon.

The President has issued a statement on the signing of the bill noting that he will not seek funds for the projects until on-going studies on economic justification and the amount of Federal participation in the projects have been completed.

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