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AN ACT

For the allocation of costs on the Wapato-Satus unit of the Wapato Indian irrigation project.

Wapato Indian irrigation project.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior shall (a) designate within one year from the date of this Act the lands that are capable of being served by the irrigation works that have already been constructed on the Wapato-Satus unit of the Wapato Indian irrigation project, (b) determine the final construction costs of such works, (c) allocate the costs on a per acre basis to the land capable of being served, (d) assess the costs so allocated to land in non-Indian ownership, and (e) defer the assessment of the costs so allocated to land in Indian ownership in accordance with the Act of July 1, 1932 (47 Stat. 564).

25 USC 386a.

Trash racks.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to install trash racks at the Yakima River diversion headworks of the Wapato-Satus unit, and the cost thereof shall be allocated and either assessed or deferred in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this Act.

Additional lands.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized (a) to designate additional lands that could be served by the Wapato-Satus unit if additional works were constructed, and (b) to construct such additional works: *Provided*, That no land in non-Indian ownership shall be included until an agreement satisfactory to the Secretary has been reached with the owner thereof for payment of the construction cost.

Time period for payment.

SEC. 4. If the Secretary of the Interior determines that an operation and maintenance assessment for the repair or replacement of any irrigation works that have been or may be constructed on the Wapato-Satus unit exceeds the amount that should reasonably be paid in one year, he may provide for payment over such period of time as he deems reasonable.

Costs; proportionate share.

SEC. 5. The proportionate share of the cost incurred under sections 2 and 3 of this Act that is allocated to land in Indian ownership shall be added to the deferred construction charges determined under section 1 of this Act, and the total amount shall be assessed on a per acre basis when the deferment is terminated.

Redesignation of lands.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to redesignate from time to time the lands that are capable of being served by the irrigation works of the Wapato-Satus unit. Any Indian or non-Indian land that is removed from the project by such redesignation shall bear its proportionate share of the construction costs, either deferred or assessed, and its proportionate share of the operation and maintenance cost to the date of such removal, if the removal is based on a redesignation for a higher use. If the lands removed are in Indian ownership, and the removal is based on any other factor, the lands shall not thereafter be assessed for construction charges.

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