any development period, from the time water is first delivered to that block. Costs allocated to irrigation in excess of the amount determined by the Secretary to be within the ability of the irrigators to repay within the repayment period or periods herein specified, shall be returned to the reclamation fund within such period or periods from revenues derived by the Secretary of the Interior from the disposition of power marketed through the Federal power system in southern Idaho.

Recreation facilities, construction.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in connection with the Mann Creek project, to construct minimum basic public recreation facilities, and to acquire such lands as may be necessary for that purpose, substantially in accordance with the plan in the report of the Secretary of the Interior, but such facilities (other than those necessary to protect the project works and the visiting public) shall not be constructed until an agreement has been executed by the State of Idaho, an agency or political subdivision thereof, or an appropriate local agency or organization to assume the management and operation of the facilities. The cost of constructing such facilities shall be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable under the reclamation laws.

Fish and wildlife, conservation.

(b) The Secretary may make such reasonable provision in the works authorized by this Act as he finds to be required for the conservation and development of fish and wildlife in accordance with the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661, and the following), and the portion of the construction costs allocated to these purposes, together with an appropriate share of the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs therefor, shall be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable. Before the works are transferred to an irrigation water users' organization for care, operation, and maintenance, the organization shall have agreed to operate them in such fashion, satisfactory to the Secretary, as to achieve the benefits to fish and wildlife on which the allocation of costs therefor is predicated, and to return the works to the United States for care, operation, and maintenance in the event of failure to comply with his requirements to achieve such benefits.

60 Stat. 1080; 72 Stat. 563.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for construction of the works herein authorized the sum of $3,490,000 (April 1961 prices). There are also authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be required for the operation and maintenance of said works.

Approved August 16, 1962.

Public Law 87-590

AN ACT

August 16, 1962
[H. R. 2206]

To authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance by the Secretary of the Interior of the Fryingpan-Arkansas project, Colorado.

Interior Department.
Fryingpan-Arkansas project, Colo.
Construction authorization.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of supplying water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and industrial uses, generating and transmitting hydroelectric power and energy, and controlling floods, and for other useful and beneficial purposes incidental thereto, including recreation and the conservation and development of fish and wildlife, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain the Fryingpan-Arkansas project, Colorado, in substantial accordance with the engineering plans therefor set forth in House Document Numbered 187, Eighty-third Congress, modified as proposed in the September 1959 report of

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the Bureau of Reclamation entitled "Ruedi Dam and Reservoir, Colorado", with such minor modifications of, omissions from, or additions to the works described in those reports as he may find necessary or proper for accomplishing the objectives of the project. Such modifications or additions as may be required in connection therewith shall not, however, extend to or contemplate the so-called Gunnison-Arkansas project; and nothing in this Act shall constitute a commitment, real or implied, to exportations of water from the Colorado River system in Colorado beyond those required for projects heretofore or herein authorized. In constructing, operating, and maintaining the Fryingpan-Arkansas project, the Secretary shall be governed by the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902; 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto).

43 USC 371 note.

(b) A reservoir at the Ruedi site on the Fryingpan River with an active capacity of approximately one hundred thousand acre-feet shall be constructed in lieu of the reservoir on the Roaring Fork River at the Aspen site contemplated in House Document Numbered 187, Eighty-third Congress. The Secretary shall investigate and prepare a report on the feasibility of a replacement reservoir at or near the Ashcroft site on Castle Creek, a tributary of the Roaring Fork River above its confluence with the Fryingpan River with a capacity of approximately five thousand acre-feet, but construction thereof shall not be commenced unless said report, which shall be submitted to the President and the Congress, demonstrates the feasibility of said reservoir and is approved by the Congress. The Secretary shall expedite completion of his planning report on the Basalt project, Colorado, as a participating project under the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 105), and said report shall have the priority status of the reports to which reference is made in section 2 of said Act.

Report to President and Congress.

43 USC 620-620o.

Water delivery facilities.

(c) No part of the single purpose municipal and industrial water supply works involved in the Fryingpan-Arkansas project shall be constructed by the Secretary in the absence of evidence satisfactory to him that it would be infeasible for the communities involved to construct the works themselves, singly or jointly. In the event it is determined that these works, or any of them, are to be constructed by the Secretary, a contract providing, among other things, for payment of the actual cost thereof, with interest as hereinafter provided, as rapidly as is consistent with the contracting parties' ability to pay, but in any event, within fifty years from the time the works are first available for the delivery of water, and for assumption by the contracting parties of the care, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the works shall be a condition precedent to construction thereof.

Repayment contracts.

SEC. 2. (a) Contracts to repay the portion of the cost of the Fryingpan-Arkansas project allocated to irrigation and assigned to be repaid by irrigation water users (exclusive of such portion of said cost as may be derived from temporary water supply contracts or from other sources) which are entered into pursuant to subsection (d), section 9, of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended, shall provide for a basic repayment period of not more than fifty years after completion of construction and shall not provide for any development period. Such contracts shall be entered into only with organizations which have the capacity to levy assessments upon all taxable real property located within their boundaries.

72 Stat. 542, 543.
43 USC 485h.

(b) Rates charged for commercial power and for water for municipal, domestic or industrial use or for the use of facilities for the storage and/or delivery of such water shall be designed to return to the United States, within not more than fifty years from the completion of each unit of the project which serves those purposes, those costs of constructing, operating and maintaining that unit which are allocated

to said purposes and interest on the unamortized balance of said construction allocation and, in addition, within the period fixed by subsection (a) of this section, so much of the irrigation allocation as is beyond the ability of the water users and their organizations to repay.

(c) The interest rate on the unamortized balance of the commercial power and municipal, domestic, and industrial water supply allocations shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which construction is initiated, on the basis of the computed average interest rate payable by the Treasury upon its outstanding marketable public obligations, which are neither due nor callable for redemption for fifteen years from the date of issue.

SEC. 3. (a) The Fryingpan-Arkansas project shall be operated under the direction of the Secretary in accordance with the operating principles adopted by the State of Colorado on December 9, 1960, and reproduced in House Document Numbered 130, Eighty-seventh Congress.

(b) The Secretary may appoint the two representatives of the United States to the Commission referred to in paragraph 19 of said principles and may, upon unanimous recommendation of the parties signatory to the operating principles, adopt such modifications therein as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

(c) Any and all benefits and rights of western Colorado water users in and to water stored in the Green Mountain Reservoir, Colorado-Big Thompson project, as described, set forth and defined in Senate Document Numbered 80, Seventy-fifth Congress, shall not be impaired, prejudiced, abrogated, nullified, or diminished in any manner whatever by reason of the authorization, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Fryingpan-Arkansas project.

(d) Except for such rights as are appurtenant to lands which are acquired for project purposes, no valid right to the storage or use of water within the natural basin of the Colorado River in the State of Colorado shall be acquired by the Secretary of the Interior through eminent domain proceedings for the purpose of storing or using outside of said basin the water embraced within that right, and no water, the right to the storage or use of which is so acquired by anyone other than the Secretary, shall be transported through or by means of any works of the Fryingpan-Arkansas project from the Colorado River Basin to the Arkansas River Basin.

Recreational facilities.

SEC. 4. (a) The Secretary is authorized and directed (1) to investigate, plan, construct, operate, and maintain public recreational facilities on lands withdrawn or acquired for the development of said project, (2) to conserve the scenery, the natural, historic, and archeologic objects, and the wildlife on said lands, (3) to provide for public use and enjoyment of the same and of the water areas created by this project by such means as are consistent with the purposes of said project, and (4) to investigate, plan, construct, operate, and maintain facilities for the conservation and development of fish and wildlife resources. The Secretary is authorized to acquire lands and to withdraw public lands from entry or other disposition under the public land laws necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facilities herein provided, and to dispose of them to Federal, State, and local governmental agencies by lease, transfer, exchange, or conveyance upon such terms and conditions as will best promote their development and operation in the public interest: *Provided*, That all lands within the exterior boundaries of a national forest acquired for recreational or other project purposes which are not determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be needed for actual use in connection with the reclamation works shall become national forest lands: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall

National forest lands.

make his determination hereunder within five years after approval of this Act or, in the case of individual tracts of land, within five years after their acquisition by the United States: *And provided further*, That the authority contained in this section shall not be exercised by the Secretary of the Interior with respect to national forest lands without the concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) The costs, including the operation and maintenance costs, of the undertakings described in subsection (a) of this section shall be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable under the reclamation laws. The funds appropriated for carrying out the authorization contained in section 1 of this Act shall, without prejudice to the availability of other appropriated moneys for the same purpose, also be available for carrying out the investigations and programs authorized in this section.

SEC. 5. (a) The use of water diverted from the Colorado River system to the Arkansas River Basin through works constructed under authority of this Act shall be subject to and controlled by the Colorado River compact, the Upper Colorado River Basin compact, the Boulder Canyon Project Act, the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act, the Colorado River Storage Project Act, and the Mexican Water Treaty (Treaty Series 994), and shall be included within and shall in no way increase the total quantity of water to the use of which the State of Colorado is entitled and limited under said compacts, statutes, and treaty, and every contract entered into under this Act for the storage, use, and delivery of such water shall so recite.

45 Stat. 1057.
43 USC 617t.
54 Stat. 774.
43 USC 618o.
70 Stat. 105.
43 USC 620-620o.
59 Stat. 1219.

(b) All works constructed under authority of this Act, and all officers, employees, permittees, licensees, and contractees of the United States and of the State of Colorado acting pursuant thereto, and all users and appropriators of water of the Colorado River system diverted or delivered through the works constructed under authority of this Act and any enlargements or additions thereto shall observe and be subject to said compacts, statutes, and treaty, as hereinbefore provided, in the diversion, delivery, and use of water of the Colorado River system, and such condition and covenant shall attach as a matter of law whether or not set out or referred to in the instrument evidencing such permit, license, or contract and shall be deemed to be for the benefit of and be available to the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming and the users of water therein or thereunder by way of suit, defense, or otherwise in any litigation respecting the waters of the Colorado River system.

(c) None of the waters of the Colorado River system shall be exported from the natural basin of that system by means of works constructed under authority of this Act, or extensions and enlargements of such works, to the Arkansas River Basin for consumptive use outside of the State of Colorado, and no such waters shall be made available for consumptive use in any State not a party to the Colorado River compact by exchange or substitution; nor shall the obligations of the State of Colorado under the provisions of the Arkansas River compact (63 Stat. 145) be altered by any operations of the Fryingpan-Arkansas project.

(d) No right or claim of right to the use of the waters of the Colorado River system shall be aided or prejudiced by this Act, and the Congress does not, by its enactment, construe or interpret any provision of the Colorado River compact, the Upper Colorado River Basin compact, the Boulder Canyon Project Act, the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act, the Colorado River Storage Project Act, or the Mexican Water Treaty or subject the United States to, or approve or disapprove any interpretation of, said compacts, statutes, or treaty, anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

45 Stat. 1057.
43 USC 617t.
54 Stat. 774.
43 USC 618o.
70 Stat. 105.
43 USC 620-620o.
59 Stat. 1219.

(e) In the operation and maintenance of all facilities under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Secretary of the Interior authorized by this Act, the Secretary of the Interior is directed to comply with the applicable provisions of the Colorado River compact, the Upper Colorado River Basin compact, the Boulder Canyon Project Act, the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act, the Colorado River Storage Project Act (and any contract lawfully entered into by the United States under any of said Acts), the treaty with the United Mexican States, and the operating principles, and to comply with the laws of the State of Colorado relating to the control, appropriation, use, and distribution of water therein. In the event of the failure of the Secretary of the Interior to so comply, any State of the Colorado River Basin may maintain an action in the Supreme Court of the United States to enforce the provisions of this section and consent is given to the joinder of the United States as a party in such suit or suits, as a defendant or otherwise.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Interior is directed to continue his studies of the quality of water of the Colorado River system, to appraise its suitability for municipal, domestic, and industrial use and for irrigation in the various areas in the United States in which it is used or proposed to be used, to estimate the effect of additional developments involving its storage and use (whether heretofore authorized or contemplated for authorization) on the remaining water available for use in the United States, to study all possible means of improving the quality of such water and of alleviating the ill effects thereof, and to report the results of his studies and estimates to the Congress on January 3, 1963, and every two years thereafter, the expense of said studies to be no part of the financial obligation of the Fryingpan-Arkansas project.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 7. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for construction of the Fryingpan-Arkansas project, the sum of $170,000,000 (June 1961 prices), plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in construction costs as indicated by engineering cost indexes applicable to the types of construction involved herein. There are also authorized to be appropriated such additional sums as may be required for operation and maintenance of the project and for future costs incurred under section 4 of this Act.

Appropriation.

Approved August 16, 1962, 9:45 a. m.

Public Law 87-591

AN ACT

August 16, 1962
[S. 2869]

To amend chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, to afford additional time during which certain veterans blinded by reason of a service-connected disability may be afforded vocational rehabilitation training.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding after section 1502 the following new section:

Blinded veterans. Vocational rehabilitation. 72 Stat. 1171. 38 USC 1501-1510.

"§ 1502A. Blinded veterans

"A veteran who is found to be in need of vocational rehabilitation to overcome the handicap of blindness resulting from a service-connected disability which affords basic eligibility for vocational rehabilitation under section 1502(a) of this title may be afforded such vocational rehabilitation after the termination date otherwise applicable to him, but not beyond June 30, 1975, if—