

# IDAHOANS DENOUNCE CRITICS OF PARK WATER SCHEME

## Declare Use of Fall River Waters Will Not Mar Yellowstone

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 10.—Representatives of 90 per cent of the water users of the state of Idaho took issue with Emerson Hough and other Eastern writers at a meeting held here Thursday in the capitol building and branded as "untrue and misleading" statements to the effect that construction of the proposed Fall river meadow project in the southwestern corner of Yellowstone park would be detrimental to the nation's playground and mar its natural beauty. The statements referred to have appeared in articles in current magazines and papers.

The following set of resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Certain periodicals and newspapers of wide circulation have published articles, relative to the proposed Fall River Meadows reservoir in the extreme Southwest corner of Yellowstone park, which are grossly misleading and are based upon assumed facts which are not true, but which have apparently been furnished to the press by persons who either do not know the facts, or intend to willfully mislead the public; and

Whereas, The data assembled by the United States reclamation service relative to said reservoir has been verified by competent engineers outside of such service, and by other competent and reliable persons; and

Whereas, No other feasible reservoir site can be found for the storage of such water outside the boundaries of the park, and the proposed dam would be only fifty feet high, and the backwater therefrom would not even reach the falls which the published articles state would be submerged; and

Whereas, The alleged meadow that will be submerged by the reservoir is largely a swamp covered in parts by coarse swamp grass, unsuited for feed for stock or moose, and with a few patches of small jack pines; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we condemn as untrue and misleading the articles so published, and we indorse the efforts of the senators and congressmen of Idaho, and of other Western states, in supporting the bill for storing water for agricultural purposes in the remote waste regions of the national park, and believe that the proposed reservoir will not only add greatly to the wealth of the country, but render the park itself more attractive and interesting.