

ASK DAM AREA IN YELLOWSTONE

Would Remove Fall River Basin From National Park

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(By The Associated Press).—Legislation to eliminate Fall River basin, Ida., from Yellowstone national park for construction of a water storage dam for irrigation and fish propagation is to be proposed in the house public lands committee by Chairman Smith of the house irrigation committee as an amendment to the interior department's bill for the park's boundary revision.

The dam, Chairman Smith said, is necessary to supply water to 1,000,000 acres of cultivated land during the dry season and can only be built by the removal of the area from the national park. The area is not primarily valuable because of its scenic beauty and because of its inaccessibility is not essential to the park, he said.

Proposals for road construction through the area as additional park entrance would, he said, in no way be set back by the withdrawal of the land from the park area, as the highway could be built to pass over the proposed dam without adding appreciably to the road's length.

Withdrawal of the land, he added, has been approved by Governor C. C. Moore and two state officials, W. G. Swendsen, engineer and reclamation commissioner, and R. E. Thomas, game warden, have arrived to urge approval of the proposed legislation.