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## **MANY MEN ENGAGED ON CONSTRUCTION OF POWER PROJECT**

### **ARE ALMOST READY TO BEGIN WORK OF BUILDING DAM-OVER 900 MEN ARE NOW EMPLOYED ON PROJECT**

The Baker river canyon presents a wonderful scene of activity these days and each day new changes may be noted in the area adjacent to the site of the Stone & Webster power project on the river. The field of operations extends from the railroad spur in East Concrete, up the Baker river valley on both sides of the river to the high railroad bridge across the river at the head of the canyon. At all points men are busy transporting materials, building roads, erecting buildings, clearing ground, blasting out rock, and a thousand other things preliminary to actual construction work on the project. The camp on the bluff east of the town is a small city in itself, and all along the river are tents and cabins occupied by employees of the Stone & Webster concern. There are now over 900 men employed on the works, and the crews are readily being increased rapidly as conditions are ready for the new men.

The preliminary work is now nearing completion, and it is expected that actual construction work on the dam will be started within the next month or so. The dam site has been cleared of brush and logs and much of the earth has been sluiced off, and the work of blasting out the rock for the foundation has been started. The railroad along the river bed to the site of the dam is about finished and is ready to start hauling the materials needed in the construction work. The diversion tunnel, through which the river will be diverted while the foundations and lower part of the dam are being built, is about completed.

The foundations of the dam will be about 200 feet in width and will be sunk 35 feet into the solid rock. The main dam will be 230 feet high, and the walls will have a gradual slope towards the top, which will have a width of about 25 feet. It will be built of reinforced concrete throughout, and will be sunk into the solid rock on each side of the canyon.

The work now under way is interesting to the casual visitor, but visitors are not particularly welcome while the work is going on, as there are too many places where there is actual danger, especially to persons who are not acquainted with all phases of the work.