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Erosion Control

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As a result of our recent trip to the Upper Truckee River, I have concluded that we should either make a strenuous effort to control the erosion there or cease worrying about the project. It appears to me that we have a real opportunity to accomplish something there. Because of the very large work load in Water Projects now, I do not have time to work on this myself and would appreciate you taking full responsibility for the progress of the experiment and future erosion control work on that stream. Here are some things that you must do:

1. Order fertilizer. Earl Sizemore recommended Ortho 16-16-8.
2. Ask Larry Hall if we can take clumps of grass from his land to plant in the sand banks where we have been unable to start a sod with seed. If he doesn't want to let us do this, find some place where we can.
3. Contact Jim Leamon and arrange for Boy Scout help on a project to transplant these clumps of grass, to seed areas that need seeding, to fertilize all of the banks and to water as needed. This will have to be rather carefully planned.
4. Plan and carry out a program of seeding, fertilizing, transplanting, and watering in addition to that done in conjunction with the Boy Scout group, if this is necessary for the success of our project.
5. Make certain that the Scout group receives good publicity on their help. We need public support on this project as much as we need green grass.
6. Evaluate the project this summer with photographs and a report. I will be able to give you any help you need on this.

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It appears to me that an organized district in the Truckee River watershed is our best chance of permanently controlling erosion. Attached to this letter is some literature on PL 566 which appears to have excellent possibilities. Please review it thoroughly and give it to Larry Hall. The organization of a district would be up to the landowners, but we should be able to furnish them considerable encouragement and technical assistance. We have to be careful and not do anything which might jeopardize our getting funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board.

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