

July 3, 1930.
[H. R. 9638.]
[Public, No. 505.]

CHAP. 832.—An Act To establish a branch home of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in one of the Northwest Pacific States.

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Land for branch home of, to be acquired in Northwest Pacific States.

Post, p. 1016.
Buildings, equipment, etc.

Sum authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers is hereby authorized and directed to acquire, by donation, a tract of land located in one of the Northwest Pacific States as a site for a branch home of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, to provide for the improvement of such site, and for the construction, equipment, operation, and maintenance thereon of suitable buildings for the use of such branch home.

SEC. 2. The sum of not to exceed \$2,000,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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CHAP. 833.—An Act For the rehabilitation of the Bitter Root irrigation project, Montana.

Bitter Root irrigation project, Mont.
Sum authorized for rehabilitation of.
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Purposes designated.

Liquidating indebtedness.
Post, p. 1144.

Construction, etc.

Loans to irrigation district.

Repayment of.

Interest rate.

Contract to precode loan.

Lien on land, etc.

Operation and maintenance.

Penalty for default in interest payments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the reclamation fund established by the Act of June 17, 1902 (Thirty-second Statutes, page 388), the sum of \$750,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary to be used for the rehabilitation of the Bitter Root irrigation project in Montana.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior, hereinafter styled the Secretary, is authorized to use money thus appropriated for the following purposes:

(1) For liquidating bonded and other outstanding indebtedness of such irrigation project on such basis of valuation as the Secretary may regard as equitable, not exceeding 75 per centum of the principal and accrued interest, no portion of such outstanding indebtedness to be liquidated except a total outstanding indebtedness of such project is so liquidated;

(2) For doing or causing to be done under his supervision any construction, betterment, or repair work necessary to place the irrigation system of such project in good operating condition, and as provided for in the contract hereinafter required;

(3) For loaning to such irrigation district, hereinafter provided for, such funds as in the opinion of the Secretary are necessary for any construction, betterment, or repair work to place the irrigation system of such project in good operating condition.

SEC. 3. All funds so used or advanced shall be repaid to the United States within a period, to be fixed by the Secretary, of not more than forty years, with interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum on the funds so used or advanced from the date of such use or advancement until repaid. Before any funds are so used or advanced a contract or contracts satisfactory to the Secretary shall be executed by an irrigation district, formed under State law, obligating such district to repay the funds so used or advanced as required by this Act. Any contract so executed with such district shall require a lien on the land and on the irrigation systems of such project. The operation and maintenance of such project shall be continued by the authorities in charge under the supervision of the Secretary, so far as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 4. In case of default in the payment when due of any interest or other charges under any contract executed as herein provided there

shall be added to the amount unpaid a penalty of one-half of 1 per centum of the amount unpaid on the 1st day of each month thereafter so long as such default shall continue, such penalties being in addition to the interest provided in section 3. The provisions of any contract executed hereunder may be enforced by suit or by the foreclosure of any lien in the manner authorized by the State laws applicable in similar cases. In addition to other remedies the Secretary, in any contract executed hereunder, may provide that in case of default for more than twelve months in the payment of any installment, the control, operation, and maintenance of the project may, in the discretion of the Secretary, be assumed by the United States and the delivery of water withheld until payments are duly made in accordance with the contract requirements.

Enforcing contract.

Penalty for default in payment of installment.

SEC. 5. No funds shall be appropriated for the purposes herein authorized until investigation and examination shall have been made of all pertinent conditions surrounding such project and until the Secretary has made a report of his finding in writing to Congress that in his opinion by the action proposed the project can and will be placed upon a sound basis from a financial and economic standpoint so that the funds so used and advanced will be returned to the United States.

Funds withheld pending investigation, etc.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 6. The Secretary is authorized to perform any and all acts and to make and enforce all needful rules and regulations for effectuating the purposes of this Act.

Rules and regulations.

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CHAP. 834.—An Act To provide for the addition of certain lands to the Lassen Volcanic National Park in the State of California.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, upon the joint recommendation of the Secretaries of the Interior and of Agriculture, to add to the Lassen Volcanic National Park, in the State of California, by Executive proclamation, any or all of the lands within sections 3 and 4, township 29 north, range 6 east; and sections 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, township 30 north, range 6 east, Mount Diablo meridian, not now included within the boundaries of the park: *Provided,* That no privately owned lands shall be added to the park prior to the vesting in the United States of title thereto.

Lassen Volcanic National Park, Calif.
Land addition to, authorized.

Description.

Provided.
Privately owned lands excepted.

SEC. 2. That the provisions of the Act of June 10, 1920, known as the Federal Water Power Act, shall not apply to any lands added to the Lassen Volcanic National Park under the authority of this Act.

Water Power Act not applicable.
Vol. 41, p. 1063.
U. S. C., p. 441.

SEC. 3. That nothing herein contained shall affect any vested and accrued rights of ownership of lands or any valid existing claim, location, or entry existing under the land laws of the United States at the date of passage of this Act, whether for homestead, mineral, rights of way, or any other purposes whatsoever, or any water rights and/or rights of way connected therewith, including reservoirs, conduits, and ditches, as may be recognized by local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, or shall affect the right of any such owner, claimant, locator, or entryman to the full use and enjoyment of his land.

Prior rights not prejudiced.

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