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Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area Project is located in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. It includes the spectacular Flaming Gorge and Red Canyon, carved by the Green River as it passes through the Uinta Mountains.

Water impoundment, started in November 1962, has created a lake over 30 miles long, which is increasing daily. It is anticipated that the 42,000-acre lake will be completely filled by 1964 or the spring of 1965.

Lands surrounding the reservoir offer many things to the visitor who enjoys the "Old West." The rolling rangelands of the northern section are the home of the antelope, badger, coyote, prairie dog, and sage grouse. Here Jim Bridger, the mountain man, established a trading post, wandering bands of Indians hunted and fished, and John Wesley Powell embarked upon his exploration of the Green and Colorado Rivers.

The southern part, with juniper, pinyon, and yellow pine-clad mountains, abound in

the Rocky Mountain mule deer and elk. Chukkar partridge, eagles, ducks, and geese are often observed. The lake has been stocked with rainbow trout. Now closed to fishing, it will be opened to the angler in late 1963 or early 1964. Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with applicable State laws.

The entire region is a geologist's museum. Weirdly twisted and distorted strata, exposed by the thrust and erosion of the earth's surface, provide spectacular scenes for study. Outstanding examples are located in Firehole Canyon and Sheep Creek.

Daily temperatures may reach 100 degrees in summer, but nights are cool. Winters are severe, with temperatures occasionally dropping to 40 below zero. Therefore the normal use season is expected to occur between April 15 and November 15. The reservoir will freeze during the winter, and due to fluctuating water levels, it will be quite hazardous to those who venture on the ice.

HOW TO REACH THE AREA

You can easily reach the recreation area from the north by Wyoming Route 530 which leaves Interstate 80 at Green River, Wyo. A partially paved road, Wyoming Route 2101, departs from Interstate 80 at Urie, Wyo., and leads directly to Manila, Utah, via Lone Tree, Wyo.

From the south you can reach the area via Utah Routes 44 and 260 leading from Vernal, Utah, to Dutch John, Utah, and nearby camping and boating developments.

Unimproved dirt roads provide access to the eastern side of the reservoir in Wyoming. These roads are often impassable during rainstorms. Check with a park ranger before traveling in this area.

Additional roads are under construction, including Utah Route 44 from Greendale Junction to Manila and from Interstate 80 leading southward along the east side of the reservoir. Inquire at the nearest ranger station regarding travel on these routes.

DEVELOPMENT

The National Park Service has constructed access roads and boat launching ramps at Lucerne Valley and Antelope Flat. These are now available for public use. Additional construction at these sites is now in progress which, when completed, will provide campgrounds, picnic areas, marinas, motels, restaurants, service stations, stores, and similar services. Many of these services will be ready

for public use by the summer of 1964. Additional developments are under construction or programmed for 14 other sites along the northern part of the reservoir.

The U. S. Forest Service has constructed campgrounds and two boat ramps in the vicinity of Flaming Gorge Dam. These are now available for public use. Additional campgrounds are located in Sheep Creek Canyon. Many boats are in use on the lake surface, but watch out for partially submerged reefs and floating debris.

NAVIGATE WITH CARE

Construction is in progress at the dam and at many other points throughout the area. If you are traveling through these construction zones, exercise caution. *Obey warning signs — keep clear of restricted areas.*

ADMINISTRATION

Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area Project is under the joint administration of the National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, and the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The southern part, consisting of the highly scenic canyon area, is located inside Ashley National Forest. The remaining area of approximately 120,000 acres located in Utah and Wyoming is administered by the National Park Service.

Although the administration is closely coordinated, there are slight variances in rules and regulations applicable to the different sectors. In case of doubt, contact the offices of the responsible agencies for clarification. Forest Service offices are located in Vernal, Dutch John, and Manila, Utah; National Park Service offices are located in Dutch John. Park rangers are also stationed at Lucerne Valley and Antelope Flat.

FLAMING GORGE STORAGE UNIT

The Flaming Gorge Storage Unit is one of four authorized for construction by the Bureau of Reclamation, U. S. Department of the Interior, in the Upper Colorado River Basin.

Flaming Gorge Dam, a concrete arch dam, rises about 502 feet above bedrock. It will create a lake extending upstream for 91 miles to within a few miles of the City of Green River, Wyo. When filled to the maximum normal water surface elevation of 6,040 feet, the reservoir will store nearly 3.8 million acre-feet of water (1 acre-foot is equal to 325,851 gallons, or enough water to cover 1 acre of land 1 foot deep).

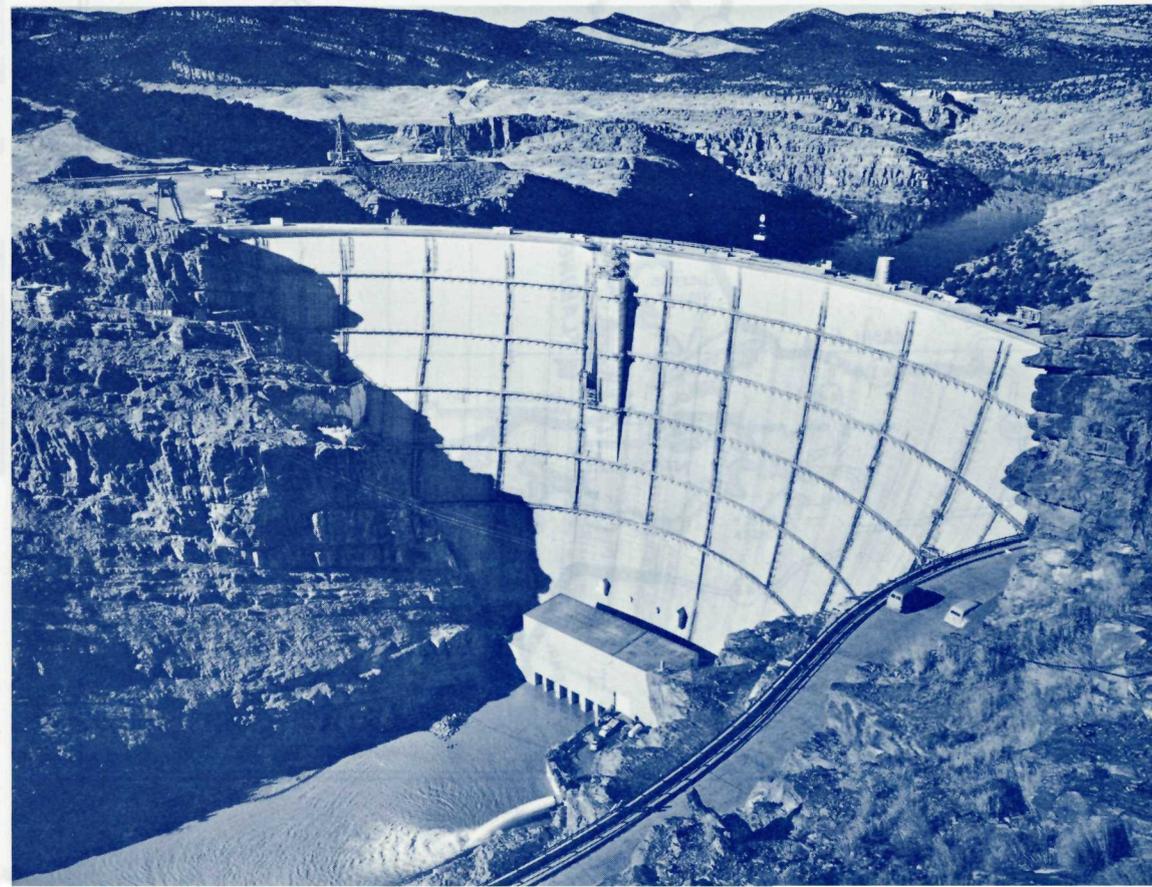
The powerplant at the foot of the dam will operate three generating units. The installed capacity of each unit will be 36,000 kilowatts, or a total of 108,000 kilowatts for the entire powerplant — enough energy to supply the needs of an average American city of 180,000 persons.

WHERE TO STAY

Overnight lodging and restaurant facilities are limited. However, accommodations may be found in Manila and at Flaming Gorge Lodge and Green Lakes Lodge near the reservoir. There are no restaurants or motels in Dutch John, but such services may be obtained in Vernal, Utah, and Green River and Rock Springs, Wyo.

DISTANCES TO FLAMING GORGE DAM FROM:

Green River, Wyo.....	60 miles
Rock Springs, Wyo.....	75 miles
Vernal, Utah	47 miles
Cheyenne, Wyo. (via U.S. 30).....	346 miles
Salt Lake City, Utah (via U.S. 40).....	223 miles
(via U.S. 30).....	234 miles
Denver, Colo. (via U.S. 40).....	385 miles





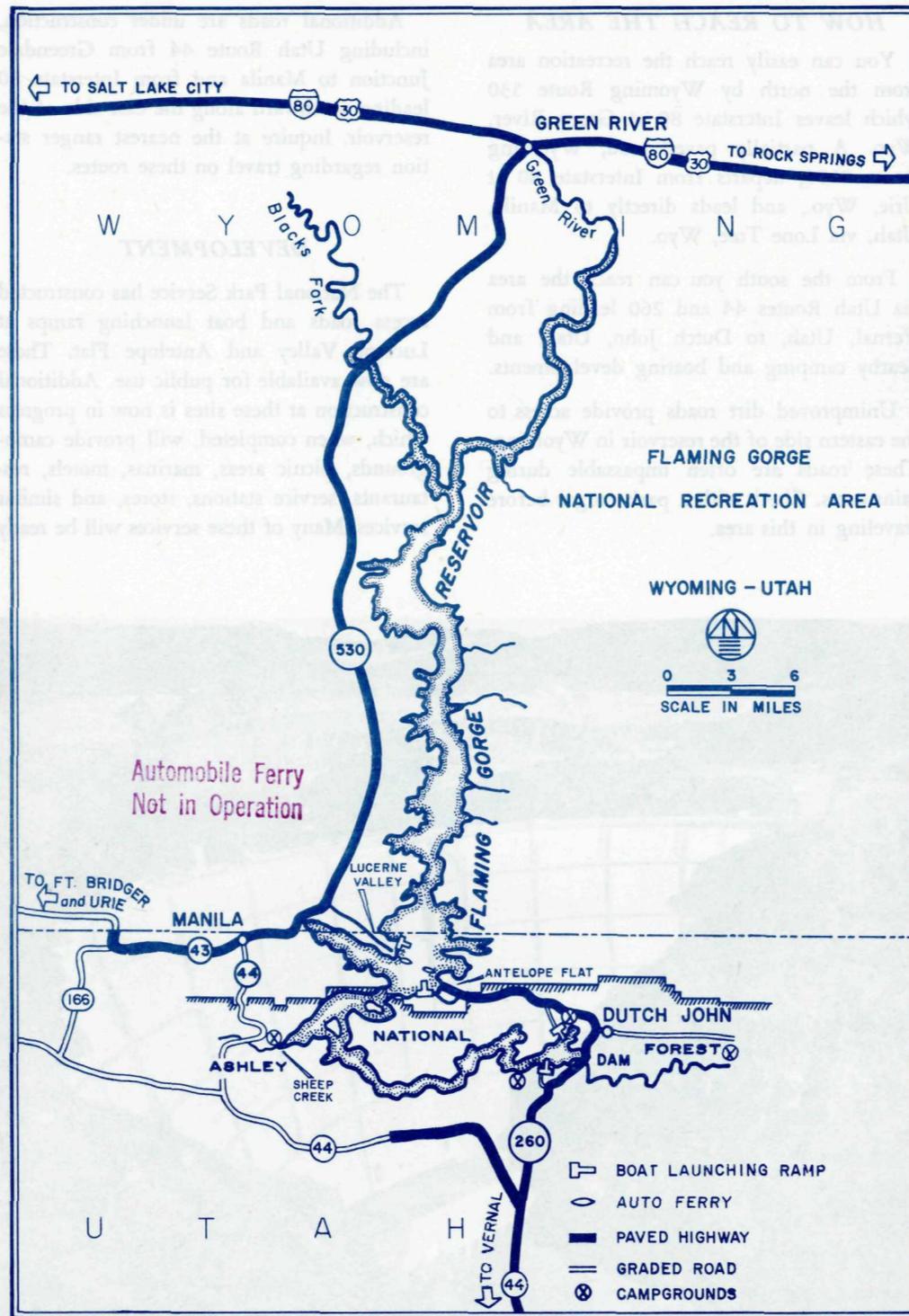
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