Flaming Gorge Dam photograph collection, 1957-1959

Overview of the Collection

**Collector** United States. Bureau of Reclamation  
**Title** Flaming Gorge Dam photograph collection  
**Dates** 1957-1959 (inclusive)  
1957 1959  
**Quantity** 16 black and white photographs  
**Collection Number** P0540  
**Summary** The Flaming Gorge Dam collection consists of black and white prints of photographs taken by the US Bureau of Reclamation during the construction of Flaming Gorge Dam on the Green River.  
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**Access Restrictions** Twenty-four hour advanced notice encouraged. Materials must be used on-site. Access to parts of this collection may be restricted under provisions of state or federal law.  
**Languages** English

Content Description

The Flaming Gorge Dam photograph collection consists of black and white prints of photographs taken by the US Bureau of Reclamation during the construction of Flaming Gorge Dam on the Green River. Each one is stamped "Photograph by Bureau of Reclamation, Region 4," which was headquartered in Salt Lake City. The photos depict several aspects of the construction of the dam, such as the building of the diversion tunnels, building the power plant access road, and blasting at the dam site. Some have detailed captions with the date the photograph was taken, the photographer, and other data, while others have no information attached to them. The captions will be reproduced in the inventory surrounded by quotes, thus: "__," while descriptions of those without captions will be enclosed in brackets, thus: [__]. Construction of Flaming Gorge Dam, sited in the center of Red Canyon on the Green River in northeastern Utah, was begun in 1957. The dam was completed in 1963. A town for the workers and Bureau of Reclamation employees was constructed immediately north of the dam site on Dutch John Flat, and was later named Dutch John, Utah.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is arranged topically.

Processing Note

Processed by Roy Webb in 2002.

Separated Materials

Audio-visual materials were transferred to the Flaming Gorge Dam AV collection (A0548) located in the Multimedia Archives of Special Collections.

Related Materials

Forms part of the Utah River Running Archive.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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for erection of an observation platform and for parking space. June 17, 1957: Bureau of Reclamation photo by S. Rasmussen.


3: "FLAMING GORGE UNIT-COLORADO RIVER STORAGE PROJECT: UTAH-WYOMING. (18) Powerplant Service Road: A D8 Caterpillar bulldozer is being used to clear roadway. Approximately station 15+00. Flaming Gorge Dam site is located on Green River in background. Arch Dam Constructors, Specifications DC-5045. January 7, 1959, Bureau of Reclamation photo by F. B. Slote."

4: "FLAMING GORGE UNIT-COLORADO RIVER STORAGE PROJECT: UTAH-WYOMING. (8) Diversion tunnel: Drillers are shown operating from upper platform of "Jumbo" (Drill Rig). Coker Construction Company, Specifications DC-5045. January 6, 1959, Bureau of Reclamation photo by F. B. Slote."

5: "FLAMING GORGE UNIT-COLORADO RIVER STORAGE PROJECT: UTAH-WYOMING. (18) Blasting operations: Ed Davis, powder man for Arch Dam Constructor set off a blast on the powerplant service road at Flaming Gorge Dam. Ed Davis finds that a safe place for firing the blast is in the bucket of a Northwest power shovel. Other equipment shown in picture is a Euclid dump truck. February 16, 1959, Bureau of Reclamation photo by F. B. Slote."

6: [high-scaler on cliff face]

7: "FLAMING GORGE UNIT-COLORADO RIVER STORAGE PROJECT: UTAH-WYOMING. (1) Looking downstream on the Gren River at Flaming Gorge Dam site. Powerplant service road is located on left side of river, pumping plant and service road is shown on the let side near the river level. Notice suspension bridge crossing river, this carries concrete pump line for lining diversion tunnel. Outlet portal is located about 100 feet upstream from end of bridge. Inlet portal is shown in right of center on photograph. Prime Contractor for building Flaming Gorge Dam is the Arch Dam Constructors, Specifications DC-5045. April 22, 1959, Bureau of Reclamation photo by F. B. Slote."

8: [Inside diversion tunnel, showing power lines in ceiling of tunnel]

9: [view from inside mouth of diversion tunnel, showing bulldozer working on side of tunnel, looking out at canyon on opposite side.]

10: [power drill rig working on powerplant access road]

11: [blasting on powerplant access road]

12: [construction of gantry crane?]

13: [aerial view of damsite and Dutch John Flat, showing town under construction, roads, etc, with locations inked in on print.]

14: [aerial view of Dutch John town site, showing roads and houses under construction]

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**Names and Subjects**

**Geographical Names:**
Flaming Gorge Dam (Utah)--Photographs

**Form or Genre Terms:**
Photographic prints

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