

project and to enter into appropriate arrangements for the operation and maintenance of the same by a State or local agency or organization. The cost of such facilities shall be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable under the reclamation laws.

Fish and wild-  
life preservation.

16 USC 662.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary may make such reasonable provision in the works of the Little Wood River project as, upon further study in accordance with section 2 of the Act of August 14, 1946 (60 Stat. 1080, 16 U. S. C. 661a), he finds to be required for the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife. An appropriate portion of the construction cost of the project shall be allocated as provided in said Act and it, together with the portion of the construction cost allocated to flood control and the portions of the operation and maintenance costs allocated to these functions or the capitalized value of the equivalent thereof, shall be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable under the reclamation laws.

Hunting and  
fishing.

(b) So far as the Secretary finds the same to be consistent with safety and with efficient operation or the primary purpose of the Little Wood River project, the project waters in the project area shall be open to free public use for lawful hunting and fishing purposes, and free access to the waters for those purposes shall be assured.

(c) Little Wood River Reservoir shall be operated in accord with water rights, under decree or permit, which are valid under the laws of the State of Idaho, but the Congress, taking cognizance of the need for clarification of certain of these rights in some formal manner effective under Idaho law, particularly as between the Fish and Game Department of said State and the water users under the Little Wood River project or their organizations, does not by this declaration accept for or impose upon the United States, its officers or employees any responsibility for determining the correctness of such claims of right and does not, either by the enactment of this Act or by any action taken pursuant thereto, intend to aid or prejudice the claims of any party to a dispute with respect thereto or to impose upon any party to a contract entered into under this Act any obligation with respect to such rights that does not exist under the laws of the State of Idaho or to require that water, other than that which is available under established rights, shall be used primarily either for irrigation or for the preservation of fish and wildlife resources.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for construction of the Little Wood River project \$1,880,000 plus such amounts, if any, as may be required by reason of changes in construction costs as indicated by engineering cost indexes applicable to the types of construction involved therein and, in addition, such amounts as may be required to operate and maintain said project.

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Public Law 994

CHAPTER 982

AN ACT

August 6, 1956  
[H. R. 9348]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act incorporating the Archaeological Institute of America" to increase the value of real and personal property that such Institute may hold.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act incorporating the Archaeological Institute of America", approved May 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 203), is amended by striking out "one million" and inserting in lieu thereof "twenty million".*

Approved August 6, 1956.