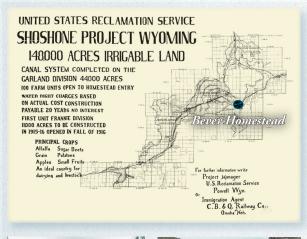
Interesting Facts about Project Homesteaders:

- On the Garland Division, 1907: A vast majority of new homesteaders had no experience with irrigation
- On the Frannie Division, 1917: Alkali surfaced in the Frannie area, making farming more difficult than any other division. They were called the "Strugglers," but they persevered.
- On the Willwood Division, 1927: Many of the settlers built homes and outbuildings out of adobe, some of which are still standing.





- On the Heart Mountain Division, 1946: Many Japanese Relocation Camp barracks were used to start homesteads.
- Today, the project comprises 93,000 acres. Major crops are alfalfa hay and seed, sugar beets, dry edible beans both commercial and seed, malting barley and specialty crops.







Shoshone Project History

On February 10, 1904, the Secretary of the Interior reserved \$2,250,000 for the initial construction of the Shoshone Project, to utilize the waters of the Shoshone River to irrigate. This was one of the first federal reclamation projects in the nation, and the largest federal project in Wyoming.

The primary feature of the project was the

Shoshone Dam. Construction began in 1905 and was completed in 1910. In 1946, President Harry Truman authorized the name change to Buffalo Bill Dam.

Homesteads were obtained by lottery. Homesteaders settled the project in four divisions: the Garland in 1907, Frannie in 1917, the Willwood in 1927 and finally Heart Mountain in 1946.