

Recreation at Boulder Dam

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In the days when great obstacles were being moved in Washington to get Boulder dam built by the government, no one ever thought that Uncle Sam might get a national park as a bi-product of the vast utilitarian project. Such a prospect looms now. The possibilities were discussed this week by Director Arno B. Cammerer of the National Park Service and Senator Robert Wagner of New York, chairman of the senate committee on public lands and surveys. Cammerer is enthusiastically laying plans for the development of the lake behind the dam for resort and recreational purposes.

Regardless of whether the man-made body of water and its environs attain park status the area is bound to become one of the greatest outdoor assets in the American southwest. When the reservoir is filled, southern Nevada and eastern Arizona will find themselves holding a stretch of water 125 miles long, the longest lake in the country outside of the Great Lakes. It has infinite possibilities for aquatic sports, fishing and scenic trails. The area will become a national park in effect if not in name.