

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West



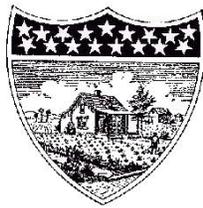
The 22nd Secretary of the Interior, Ethan Allen Hitchcock, 2/20/1899 to 3/4/1907

In 1898, Ethan Allen Hitchcock was appointed by President William McKinley as the Secretary of the Interior. He served under President William McKinley and President Theodore Roosevelt.

In July 1902, in accordance with the Reclamation Act, Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock established the U.S. Reclamation Service within the U.S. Geological Survey. The new Reclamation Service studied potential water development projects in the 17 western states with federal lands—revenue from sale of federal lands was the initial source of the program's funding.

In 1907, Secretary Hitchcock created the Bureau of Reclamation as an independent bureau within the Department of the Interior, and Frederick Haynes Newell was appointed the first director of Reclamation.

Since its inception in 1902, the United States Reclamation Service (now the Bureau of Reclamation) has been identified by several logos.



1908



1909



1965



1979-1981



1994-present

For more information on the history of Reclamation and Secretary Hitchcock, please visit:
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