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Information on 20 machine-bored water tunnels constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation is presented graphically and pictorially. Machine data, rates of progress, tunnel profiles, and rock types and strengths are given for each tunnel. The bored diameters of these tunnels varied from 9 to 21 feet. Rocks encountered in boring were: shale, sandstone, conglomerate, quartzite, limestone, siltstone, granite porphyry, granite gneiss, gneissic granodiorite, rhyolite, rhyodacite, and agglomerate. The compressive strengths of these rocks were 300 to 38,000 psi. The boring rates of the machines used varied from 17 to 107 feet for the average calendar day. The maximum progress was 403 feet in 1 three-shift day. This rate was attained in 17.3 hours of machine time while boring an 8 -foot 7 -inch finished-diameter tunnel through shale having a maximum compressive strength of $6,000 \mathrm{psi}$. Contract and miscellaneous data are also given for each of the tunnels.
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#### Abstract

As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has responsibility for most of our nationally owned public lands and natural resources. This includes fostering the wisest use of our land and water resources, protecting our fish and wildilife, preserving the environmental and cultural values of our national parks and historical places, and providing for the enjoyment of life through outdoor recreation. The Department assesses our energy and mineral resources and works to assure that their development is in the best interests of all our people. The Department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in Island Territories under U.S. Administration.


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## PREFACE

The "art" of underground tunnel construction has been a relatively slow, laborious, and cyclic process. The introduction of Tunnel Boring Machines (TBM), or "moles" has been an effort to speed up this process. In 1972, the Bureau of Reclamation published REC-ERC-72-9, "Tunnels: Machine Excavation-Rate of ProgressMachine Data," which readily provided pertinent data on the seven, machine-bored tunnels the Bureau had constructed to that time. The tunnels included in the 1972 report are:

Azotea Tunnel-San Juan-Chama Project, New Mexico<br>Blanco Tunnel-San Juan-Chama Project, Colorado<br>Oso Tunnel-San Juan-Chama Project, Colorado<br>River Mountains Tunnel-Robert B. Griffith (Southern Nevada) Water Project, Nevada<br>Starvation Tunnel-Central Utah Project, Utah<br>Tunnel No. 1-Navajo Indian Irrigation Project, New Mexico<br>Water Hollow Tunnel-Central Utah Project, Utah

In 1974, the Bureau published REC-ERC-74-7, "Tunnels: Machine Excavation-Rate of Progress-Machine Data," which included five additional tunnels. They are:

Currant Tunnel-Central Utah Project, Utah
Layout Tunnel-Central Utah Project, Utah
Nast Tunnel-Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Colorado
Tunnel No. 3-Navajo Indian Irrigation Project, New Mexico
Tunnel No. 3A-Navajo Indian Irrigation Project, New Mexico
Since 1974, the data on eight additional tunnels has been prepared. They include:

Buckskin Mountains Tunnel-Central Arizona Project, Arizona<br>Dolores Tunnel-Dolores Project, Colorado<br>Hades and Rhodes Tunnels-Central Utah Project, Utah<br>Santa Clara Tunnel-Central Valley Project, California<br>Stillwater Tunnel-Central Utah Project, Utah<br>Strawberry Tunnel Inlet Rehabilitation-Central Utah Project, Utah<br>Tunnel No. 5-Navajo Indian Irrigation Project, New Mexico<br>Vat Tunnel-Central Utah Project, Utah

This report includes all 20 tunnels.

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## AZOTEATUNNEL <br> SAN JUAN CHAMA PROJECT <br> COLORADO-NEW MEXICO



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& \text { AVERAGE } 55 \text { FT. PER CALENDAR DAY } \\
& \text { AVERAGE IN SHALE } \\
& \text { vera ---153 FT. PER WORKING DA } \\
& \text { AVERAGE IN SANDSTONE } \\
& 72 \text { FT. PER WORKING DAY }
\end{aligned}
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*MAXIMUM CAPABI

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1965
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## CONTRACT DATA

 CONTRACTOR-AZOTEA CONTRACTORS JOINT VENTURE, GIBBONS \& REEO GOLES BROS. DRILING Co;\&DUGAN PECIFICATIONBID $\$ 13,791,000-$ INCLUDES APPURTENANI STRUCTURES

LASER GUN USED FOR GUIDANCE CONTROL


## MISCELLANEOUS DATA

 TRACK GAGE -.......-30" \& 24 VOLTAGE SUPPIY INTO TINNE VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNEL No. OF MEN TO OPERATE MACHINE AMBIENT TEMPERATURES SHIF AMBIENT TEMPERATURES AT CUTEER HEAD $-\cdots-\cdots--90^{\circ}-100^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ROCK TEMPERATURES... $65^{\circ}-78^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$


READY FOR LINING

holing through-note concentric traces of cutter discs


ASSEMBLING BORING MACHINE


COMPLETED CONCRETE LINED SECTION

## BLANCO TUNNEL <br> SAN JUAN CHAMA PROJECT <br> COIORADO-NEW MEXICO

TUNNEL PROFILE


MACHINE DATA
MANUFACTURED BY ROBBINS LENGTH MOM MODEL 104-120 *THRUST ...372,000 LBS *TORQUE I75,000 FT LBS CUTERS 22.I"DISC,
ITRICONE IN CENTER ITRICONE IN CENTER
HEAD ROTATED BY 4.75 HP; 3 PHASE 440 VOLT MOTORS
LASER BEAM LAEER EEAM GUUDANCE
WASTE BISPOSAL

* MAXIMUM CAPABILITY


TIME- DATE AND DAYS
TUNNEL MACHINE-PROGRESS CHART

(1)-OUTLET PORTAL_._Surface left by machine supported with rock bolts $\varepsilon$ steel mat (2).FALLOUT._Area resupported (3)-Trailing dust collection $\varepsilon$ muck conveyor system (4)-Left side of machine (5) Cutter head



3


date and days
TUNNEL MACHINE-PROGRESS CHART

CONTRACT DATA CONTRACTOR-J.F SHEA A CO., INC. SPECIFICATION No DC-7096 SID (TUNNEL ONLY) $\$ 48,042,278$
TOTAL COST TO CONSTRUCT TUNNEL 53,483,355 (\$1489/FT.)

## MISCELLANEOUS DATA

 TRACK GAGE--1.-.-.-.-36" VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNEL FOR TBM 4160 VOLTS No. OF SHIFTS PER DAY ROCK TEMPERATURE- ${ }^{-3}$ SHIFTS ROCK TEMPERATURE-LASER BEAM GUIDANCE WASTE DISPOSAL TRAILING CONVEYOR a TRAIN


TBM HOLED THROUGH
 MUCK CONVEYOR
AND SEGMENTS BEING INSTALLED


COMPLETED TUNNEL, IILITIES REMOVED LATE


BACKUP EQUIPMENT FOR TBM MUCK CONVEYOR-TOP MIDDL VENTILATION PIPES-UPPER LEFT AND RIGHT


TUNNEL BORING MACHINE NOTE: GRIPPER PAD AT RIGHT

## CURRANT TUNNEL <br> CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

BONNEVILLE UNIT-UTAH
TUNNEL PROFILE


HYDRAULIC PROPERTIES
4


CONTRACT DATA CONTRACTOR - .- - S.A. HEALY CO SPECIFICATIONS No. . . . - DC-6855 BID FOR 9 I3I FEET OF FINISHED TUNNEL $\$ 3,223,243$ ( $\$ 353$ PER FT.) NOTE: CURRANT \& LAYOUT TUNNELS THE SAME CONTRACT

## MISCELLANEOUS DATA

VENTLLATION LINE
VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNEL VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNEL_T200
ROCK TEMPERATURE ROCK TEMPERATURE $--1--55^{\circ} \pm$
AMBIENT TEMPERATURE NEAR CUTTER HEAD_-.-.-.-.-65 $\pm$ WATER FLOWS _- - SEEPS TO IIO G.P.M DUST CONTROL - WATER SPRAYS AT
CUTTER HEAD MOL THROAT AND MATERIAL TRANSFER POINTS TRACK GAGE..............-24


LOADING MUCK CARS AT START OF MACHINE OPERATIONS


OVERHAULING TUNNELING MACHINE AND
BACKUP EQUIPMENT AT OUTLET PORTAL

## DOLORES TUNNEL

DOLORES PROJECT
COLORADO


TUNNEL PROFILE


TUNNEL MACHINE-PROGRESS CHART


IN HOPPERS FOR TUNNEL


MITSUI MIIKE ROAD HEADER TUNNELING MACHINE


CONTRACT DATA CONTRACTOR-OHBAYASHI-GUMI LTD.
SPECIFICATION No. $4 D-C 7496$ SELIFCATMN No. 4D-C7496
BID (UNNEL OLIY) $\$ 5,229,172$ COMPLETION COST (TUNNEL ONLY) $\$ 4,860,000$

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { TRAC GAGE - } \\
& \text { VENTLATION LINE } \\
& \text { VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNEL }
\end{aligned}
$$ VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNEL ROCK TEMPERATURE LASER BEAM GUDANCE WASTE DISPOSAL-GATHERING CONVEYOR AND ELECTRIC TRAIN



HOLED THROUGH REACH B MARCH I6, 1983


DRILL Jumbo in reach b

## HADES \& RHODES TUNNELS



TUNNEL PROFILE

dates and months
TUNNEL MACHINE-PROGRESS CHART


MAXIMUM ADVANCE
average advance


CONTRACT DATA CONTRACTOR-HARRISONSPECIFICATION NO. DC-7421

moran car ready to haul cement TO TUNNEL FOR BACKFILL GROUTING


88 HP PUMP installed to pump WATER FROM SPRING IN THE INVERT WATER TROMMLET OF HADES TUNNEL


SIDE VIEW OF ROBBINS MOLE MODEL \#10Il-98


FRONT VIEW OF ROBBINS TBM MODEL \# $1011-98$

water in tunnel

## LAYOUT TUNNEL <br> CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT BONNEVILLE UNIT-UTAH



## CONTRACT DATA

 CONTRACTOR-..- S.A.HEALY CO. SPECIFICATIONS No.-. DC-6855 BID FOR 17,355 FEET OF FINISHEDTUNNEL $\$ 6,126,315(\$ 353$ PER FT.)

## MISCELLANEOUS DATA

 VENTILATION LINE .......-. 36 VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNEL ROCK TEMPERATURE $\quad . \quad=55^{\circ} \mathrm{F}+$ AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AT CUTIER AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AT CUTIERHEAD WATER FLOWS-SEEPS TO 100 G.P.M DUST CONTROL-WATER SPRAYS A CUTTER HEAD, MOLE THROAT AND MATERIAL THIS MACHINE USED IN CURRAN TUNNEL NEARBY
TRACK GAGE .-.......-24


RACK OF REBUILT DISC CUTTERS


REPLACING MAIN BEARING


MACHINE ASSEMBLY

WORN TRI-DISC CENTER CUTTER


Cutter head at hole through



time-date and days
tunnel machine-PROGRESS CHART


## OSO TUNNEL <br> SAN JUAN CHAMA PROJECT <br> COLORADO-NEW MEXICO



TUNNEL PROFILE

time-date and days
TUNNEL MACHINE - PROGRESS CHART

-PROGRESS
AVE-----70.4 FT PER CALENOAR DAY AVERAGE (EXCLUDING TIME IN BAD GROUND) MAXIMUM (173 HRS MACHINE TME) MAXIM

MISCELLANEOUS DATA TRACK GAGE --_-.-.-.-.-. 24
VENTILATION LINE VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNELNo. OF MEN TO OPERATE MACHIS No. OF MEN TO OPERATE MACHINE AMBIENT TEMPERATURES AT CUTTER HEAD_------------100 ROCK TEMPERATURE _-_-- $74^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$
AFTER COMPLETING THE EXCAVATION AFTER COMPLETING THE EXCAVATION IN OSO TUNNEL THIS MACHINE WAS I2'-8" DIA. THEN PUT INOUTLET END of AZOTEA TUNNEL


MUCK TRAIN AT DISPOSAL AREA


OUTLET PORTAL


NOTE CHANNEL SPILING AND BREAST BOARDS REOUIRED IN UNSTABLE MATERIAL


WASTE HANDLING CONVEYOR AND LOADING SYSTEMS

## RIVER MOUNTAINS TUNNEL <br> southern nevada water project

NEVADA



OVERALL VIEW-OUTLET PORTAL WORK AREA


LASER BEAM GUN MOUNTED ON TUNNEL WALL


CHANGING CUTTERS-LASER TARGETS IN UPPER QUADRANT

## CONTRACT DATA

UTAH CONSTRUCTION AND MINING DURING CONTRACT PERIOD CHANGED TO FLUOR UTAH ENGINEERS AND
CONSTRUCTORS INC SPECIFICATION NO. DC-6595
BID (TUNNELPORTION) $\$ 3,572,128$

## MISCELLANEOUS DATA

TRACK GAGE -------------.-. $24{ }^{\prime \prime}$
VENTILATION LINE -------------34" VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNEL.-... No. OF MEN TO OPERATE MACHINE AMBIENT TEMPERATU -4 PER SHIF



VIEW OF JARVA MACHINE DURINGASSEMBLY


BREAK THROUGH


WASTE DISPOSAL-ROTARY CAR dUMP IN OPERATION


ASSEMBLING MACHINE-NOTE CONVEYOR WITH VENTILATION SYSTEM ON TOP

TUNNEL MACHINE - PROGRESS CHART

## SANTA CLARA TUNNEL

CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT
SAN FELIPE DIVISION, CALIFORNIA


Caldwell tbm after tunneling through

assembling steel forms USED FOR CONCRETE LINING

installing rock reinforcement bars at OUTLET PORTAL PRIOR TO HOLING THROUGH


BULKHEAD IN PLACE BEFORE CONCRETE LINING OF TUNNEL


LOADING MORAN CONCRETE RAIL CARS

## STARVATION TUNNEL

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
BONNEVILLE UNIT-UTAH

## TUNNEL PROFILE



time-date and dars
TUNNEL MACHINE-PROGRESS CHART


PARTIALLY ASSEMBLED MACHINE AT PORTAL NOTE SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED CONCRETE


MACHINE AT HEADING. NOTE LASER BEAM TARGET


SANDSTONE \& SHALE SECTION. THE SHALE DETERIORATES RAPIDLY


MACHINE HOLED THROUGH AT INLET PORTAL

beginning to deteriorate

## STILLWATER TUNNEL <br> STRAWBERRY AQUEDUCT <br> CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT <br> BONNEVILLE UNIT-UTAH



TUNNEL PROFILE

dates and months
TUNNEL MACHINE-PROGRESS CHART
 CONTRACT DATA
INITIAL CONTRACTTR-HARASON-
WESTERN WESTERN CORP, JOHN W COWPER
CORP. (JV) SPECIFICATION DCT246 COMPLETION CONTRACTORTRAYLOR BROTHERS, INC. \&
FRUIN-COLNON CONSTRUCTION FRUIN-COLNON CONSTRUCTION
COMPNY SPELIICATON No 40 C2035
INITIAL CONTRACT COST $\$ 19,552,549$ INITIAL CONTRACT COST $\$ 19,552,549$
BID COMPLETION CONTRACT
$\$ 41,000,900$

placing pea gravel behind steel plate LINERS USING THE SHOTCRETE MACHINE

MISCELLANEOUS DATA TRACK GAGE - - ----30"/24 VENTILATION LINE
VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNEI DIA VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNNEL No. OF SHIFTS PER DAYROCK TEMPERATURE WATER INFLOWS WASTE DISPOSAL-MUCK CARS EMPTIED BY ROTARY CAR DUMP


COMPLETED INTERIOR, UTILITIES REMOVED LATER

CONTRACT ATBM 92-192-29.0 LIN FT.
HANE ECAVATION-
DRILL

TBM 92-192 MOOIIIED-30 LIN F
TBM 92-192 MODIFIED-30 LIN F
TBM $93-203-135$ LIN FT. MAXIMUM PER CALENDAR DAY
CONTRACT -1
CONTRACT
-2
$93-202$ MODIFIED $92-192=103 \mathrm{FT} / \mathrm{DAY}$


TВМ 92 -192


VIEW OF TBM 92 -192 (m) WITH NIN OF THE TWELVE GRIPPER BLADES INSTALLED

## STRAWBERRY TUNNEL INLET REHABILITATION

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT


ROAD HEADER MRH-5-125-22


TUNNEL PROFILE
 VENTILATION LINE -.-12-24
VOLTAGE SUPPLY INTO TUNEL ELECTRIC REQUIREMENT -480 VOLTS - 415 V AT 50 CYCLES ROCK TEMPERATURE -- $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ WATER FLOWS (MAXAWASTE DISPOSAL-GATHERING ARMS, CONVEYOR SYSTEMS
AND ELECTRIC TRAIN SYSTEMS

ying reinforcing steel IN WYE "A" CONNECTION


View of concrete being conveyed to THE PUMP AFTER BEING
DISCHARGED FROM MORAN CARS


CONCRETE MIXER AND DISCHARGER


WYe "A" branches to the right OF NEW INLET TUNNEL AND CONNECT TO EXISIING STRAWBERRY TUNNEL

# TUNNEL NO.I <br> NAVAJO INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT <br> NEW MEXICO 

TUNNEL PROFILE


CONTRACT DATA


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& \begin{array}{l}
\text { MAX FOR ONE DAY RESS } \\
\text { UNSUPPORTED } \\
\text { \&97FT IN A }
\end{array} \\
& \text { SUPPORTED SECTION } \\
& \text { AVERAGE } \\
& \text { 37.IFTPER CALENDAR DAY }
\end{aligned}
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time-date and days
TUNNEL MACHINE-PROGRESS CHART


PORTION OF MACHINE ARRIVING AT JOB SITE FROM DALLAS TEXAS


ASSEMBLING MACHINE NEAR TUNNEL PORTAL


RESULT OF PINNING SUPPORTS IN SHALE


FINAL ADJUSTMENT PRIOR TO ENTERING PORTAL


CAR IN LOADING POSITION NOTE HALF CIRCLE SUPPORTS PINNED AT SPRINGLINE IN SANDSTONE

## TUNNELS NO. $3 \in 3 \mathrm{~A}$

NAVAJO INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT


## TUNNEL PROFILES



CONTRACTOR-FLUOR UTAH ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTOR-FLUOR UTAH ENGINEER
CONSTRUCTORS INC.
SPECIFICATION NO DC-6849 SPECIFICATION NO. DC- 6849
BID- $\$ 6,783,456$ TUNNEL NO 3
 MISCELLANEOUS DATA VENTILATION LINE
VOWER SUPPLYINTO TUNNE ES---4IGO VOUTS POWER SUPPLYINTO TUNNELS_-4160 VOLTS
AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AT CUTTER HEAD ROCK TEMPERATURE-_ $60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ TO $100^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ROCK TEMPERATURE---61 $\quad 6$ TO $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$
PRIMARY SUPPORT_RESIN ANCHORED ROCK BOLTS PRIMARY SUPPORT_-RESIN ANCHORED ROCK BOLTS
AVERAGE PER CALENDAR DAY_-_39FT_-_66FT MINOR WATER-CAUSED ROCK DETERIORATIN NO. OF MEN TO OPERATE MACHINE.- 3 PERSHIFT


TUNNEL MACHINE-PROGRESS CHART
 ENCOUNTERED IN TUNNELS NO. $3 \& 3 A$


TUNNEL NUMBER 5

mole "scott excavator"


COMPLETED TUNNEL, UTILITIES REMOVED LATER


MOLE TEST RUN


CONCRETE BEING PUMPED


LASER, SUPPORTS AND VENT PIPE

## VAT TUNNEL

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
BONNEVILLE UNIT, UTAH


dates and months TUNNEL MACHINE-PROGRESS CHART


MaChine tunneling transitioning
TO CONVENTIONAL TUNNELING

> CONTRACT DATA CONTRACTOR-J.F. SHEA \&CO., IN SPECIFCATIN No. OC-7150 BID $\$ 26,992,662$, TOTAL COST $\$ 55,107,787.55$


MAXIMUM ADVANCE
AVERAGE ADVANCE
DAY 160 FT.
DAY 50 FT.

MISCELLANEOUS DATA TRACK GAGE--INE VOLTAGE SUPPLY - 480 VOLTS No. OF SHIF TS PER DAY SHIFTS ROCK TEMP-RATURE (AVE) 440
WATER FLOWS- $622-2563$ GPM WATER LOWS G22-2563
WASER BEAM GUIDANCE ASER BEAM GUIDANCE
WASTE DISPOSAL TRAILING CONVEYOR \& TRAIN


FORMS FOR CONCRETING


CUTTER HEAD ON TUNNEL BORING MACHINE


Cutter head being moved NTO POSITION FOR ASSEMBLY

operation of hydraulic jumbo WHILE SETTING CONCRETE FORMS (NOTE, EXPANDED RIB TUNNEL SUPPORT)

# WATER HOLLOW TUNNEL <br> CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT <br> BONNEVILLE UNIT-UTAH 

TUNNEL PROFILE

*MAXIMUM CAPABILITY

time-date and days
TUNNEL MACHINE-PROGRESS CHART


GAPIN CUT AND COVER SECTION AT PORTAL FOR INSTALLATION OF MACHINE CUTTER HEAD


WATER FLOWING AROUND MACHINE


OWERING CUTTER HEAD INTO GAP TO NSTALL ON MACHINE BODY WHICH WAS NSTALL ON MACHINE BODY WHICH WAS


BORING THROUGH ZONE OF WE INCOMPETENT ROCK


SUBINVERT CONCRETE PLACED TO PROTECT INVERT ROCK

