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APPROVAL OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson, and Congressmen Larry Winn and Joe Skubitz announced today that the Secretary of Agriculture has authorized assistance to the Lake Region Resource Conservation and Development Project.

The project covers the six counties of Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami and Osage and includes a population of over 6,000 farms and 79,000 people.

Citizens from the 6-county area formed the Lake Region organization in an effort to improve the use of existing resources and to stimulate economic growth. The group sought authorization from the U.S.D.A. so that it would be able to coordinate local, state and federal programs to achieve maximum benefits.

Dole said he supported the Lake Region group's application because, "While in its organizational stage, it demonstrated commendable ability to work together in the coordination of the local Rural Development Committees and county, state and federal agencies. This authorization will now provide these Lake Region residents the opportunity to maximize the benefits of both existing programs and new programs for flood control, resource planning, health and housing, rural water districts, waste disposal, and other needed facilities."

The overall objective is to provide for an improved standard of living and a balanced economy. Specific objectives include: (1) development of natural resources; (2) improved land use, erosion and flood control, and pollution abatement; (3) providing for adequate water supplies, housing, health facilities and services; (4) provide opportunities for needed training to better utilize available resources; and (5) provide for improved roads, utilities and other facilities.

