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WASHINGTON, D.C. Nov. 24, 1970 -- Kansas Senators James Pearson and Bob Dole today announced that the Senate Public Works Committee has authorized construction of the Blue River Flood protection project. Dole is a member of the Public Works Committee.

All four reservoirs in the proposed project were approved. (Wolf-Coffee Creek, Tomahawk Creek, Indian Creek and Mill Creek.)

However, the Tomahawk Creek Reservoir shall be initiated only when the Secretary of the Army has been assured by the Chief of Engineers that the most feasible combination of improvements having the most favorable impact upon the environment and future development of the Tomahawk Creek Watershed will be realized.

Construction of the entire Blue River project will begin only when Congress acts on appropriation requests from the Corps of Engineers. The first of these requests would normally be submitted in the next fiscal year.

House action on the authorizing legislation is expected in early December.