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TO ALL GRAND LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS BUSINESSMEN AND RESIDENTS.

This is a very brief summary of our activity to date regarding the algae problem in Grand Lake. First permit us to thank you for your letters which are creating quite a stir in Washington and have the interested agencies busy. We hope everyone has sent in a letter or will do so right away.

Recently a meeting was held in Loveland, Colorado on the algae subject with representatives and committees from the Grand Lake area, the Colorado State Game & Fish Department, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, municipalities of the project area, and the Northern Colorado Conservancy District. It was agreed by all present that the algae infestation is a very serious situation and requires immediate action. We were informed at the meeting by Mr. George J. Turre, Sanitary Engineer, Board of Water Commissioners, City of Denver, that the algae could be controlled by the use of copper-sulphate treatments. A working committee was selected from the different agencies present to take samples of the water in the late spring for analyzing and then to perform the actual treatment work. No provision was made to furnish the committee with the necessary material and equipment, such as, a continuing supply of copper-sulphate, etc. Also, there was no offer by the Bureau of Reclamation representatives to take over this work or in assuming their rightful responsibility. It is, of course, obvious that the Reclamation Bureau is trying to side-step their liability as set forth in Senate Document No. 80 of the 75th Congress, which we quote in part:

"The project, therefore, must be operated in such a manner as to most nearly effect the following primary purposes:"

2. "To preserve the fishing and recreational facilities and the scenic attractions of Grand Lake, the Colorado River, and the Rocky Mountain National Park."

We think it is time for all of us to unite in one large organization for the express purpose of maintaining and safeguarding the scenic attractions of Grand Lake and to carry out this algae problem to a definite conclusion. Also, if you all agree perhaps we should request our U.S. Senators to initiate and support a bill to provide the Reclamation Bureau with the necessary funds to have their water transported to the tunnel in some other way than thru Grand Lake. For example, this could be done by taking the water direct from Shadow Mountain reservoir by buried pipe line along the north side of the tunnel road and thence into the Alva Adams tunnel. It would, undoubtedly be a very difficult task to get the Reclamation Bureau to accept this change, however, if it cannot be accomplished we should at least get the other things that we have been after as a compromise, such as, high water and algae control carried out by the Bureau of Reclamation.

As for the organization it could be called "THE GRAND LAKE SCENIC AND PROPERTY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION" and would unite all of us together, if necessary, for an all out campaign. We have nothing to lose by the attempt because it is already too late to do anything but make a last ditch stand as it is only a matter of time until Grand Lake will be completely ruined and our properties greatly depreciated or to win out and get Grand Lake back like it used to be. It would be an undertaking that we must all support to the last man. If you are interested in such a plan, this coming summer would be an opportune time to organize it, while we are at the lake.

Sincerely yours,  
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