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New \$400,000 Skagit Flood Project, O.K.

President Approves Big Appropriation for This County

A federal allotment of \$334,425 for a new Skagit river flood control project, was approved yesterday by President Roosevelt and now goes to the state WPA administrator for final approval. With the county's share of some \$60,000, this means an additional \$400,000 will be spent on river bank revetment work on the Skagit river, between Rockport and the mouth of the river. Already approximately \$250,000 has been spent on the Skagit and the new appropriation should make it possible to strengthen the banks along the entire river, according to Iner Nelson, who has been general superintendent of the work since its start.

The new project was finally brought to approval through the work of The Courier-Times, and the Sedro - Woolley Chamber of Commerce, with the assistance of Fred Fellows of Lyman and the cooperation of County Commissioner E. C. Carr. The board of commissioners, working with the U.S. Engineers office in Seattle, some months ago agreed on a complete program for the project which was then sent to the President through the regular channels. This new project will give several hundred men employment, and will save hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of Skagit farm land from erosion.