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Complete Plans for Flood Control in Beaver Lake Area.

Engineering plans for the elimination of drainage and flood problems in the Beaver Lake area were completed this week by Roy Tuttle, Soil Conservation Service Engineer. The plans were turned over to the commissioners of Drainage District No. 21 just as the farmers of the district go to the polls to vote on the district's enlargement. The enlargement is necessary if advantage is to be taken of funds being made available to the district by the State Department of Fisheries, Skagit Road District No. 3, and technical assistance of the Skagit Soil Conservation District.

Tuttle's plan includes a drag line channel clearance job calculated to put the rampaging East Fork of the Nookachamps Creek back into its old channel, a short dike to be faced with quarried rock and also included a badly needed dredging job at the lower end of the project.

"The Beaver Lake area has become a veritable jungle," Tuttle said, "Excellent land has been inundated by the spreading creek, the land over the years has now grown up to alder and willow brush. The land is too wet to work. The creek has been so jammed up by successive deposition of flood-borne logs and gravel that the creek now runs across open pasture rather than down its regular course. During high water the creek actually flows back into Beaver Lake, rendering useless almost all the farm lands now drained by Drainage District No. 21's choked up outlet."