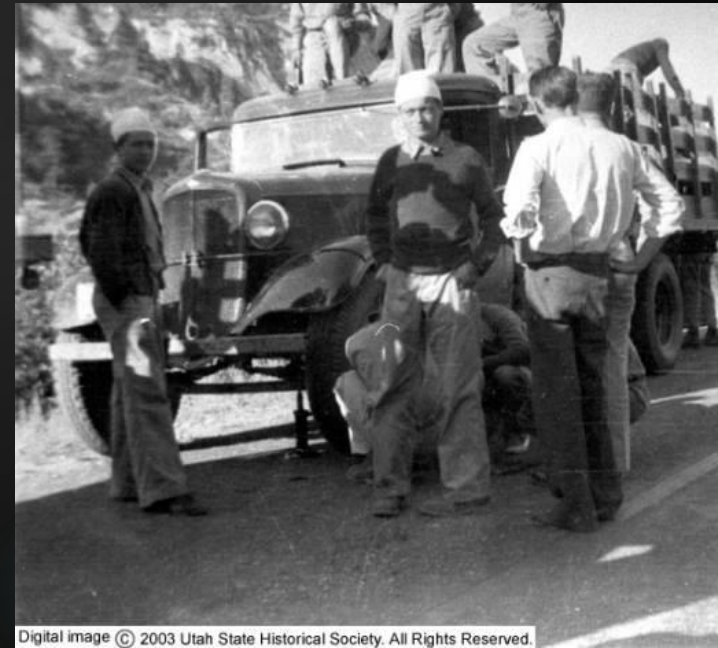


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## Leeds Camp To Promote Three Projects

Supt. Ralph W. McBride announces that cooperative agreements have been made whereby three projects of interest to citizens of Washington county will be developed by company 585.

At Washington Fields a 12,000 acre water shed will be developed for the protection from erosion of valuable range and farm lands in this area.

This work will be done by means of water spreading dykes, spreader fences and various other small erosion control structures. At Santa Clara creek and at Bloomington a stream stabilizing dam will be constructed in Santa Clara creek.

The Explorer Scouting Unit of company 585 engaged in its first exploring trip Saturday, November 27. This detachment left with the purpose of making an expedition in search of Indian cliff dwellings in the region near Zion National Park. While this region was entirely new to most of the group they did see a distinct cliff dwelling and many other things that were interesting and educational.

These boys, principally from Kentucky and Ohio, were really thrilled with Utah's wonderland. They expressed their desires to continue expeditions in the future, when possible.

### WEATHER REPORT

Arthur Fawcett, Observer

|               |    |     |
|---------------|----|-----|
| Thursday      | 67 | 31  |
| Friday        | 66 | 30  |
| Saturday      | 63 | 27  |
| Sunday        | 62 | 23  |
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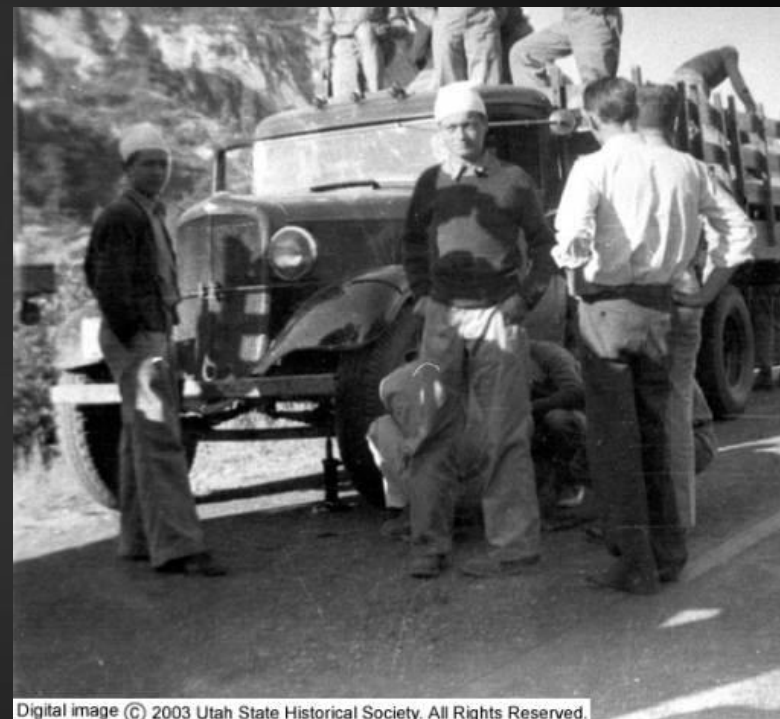


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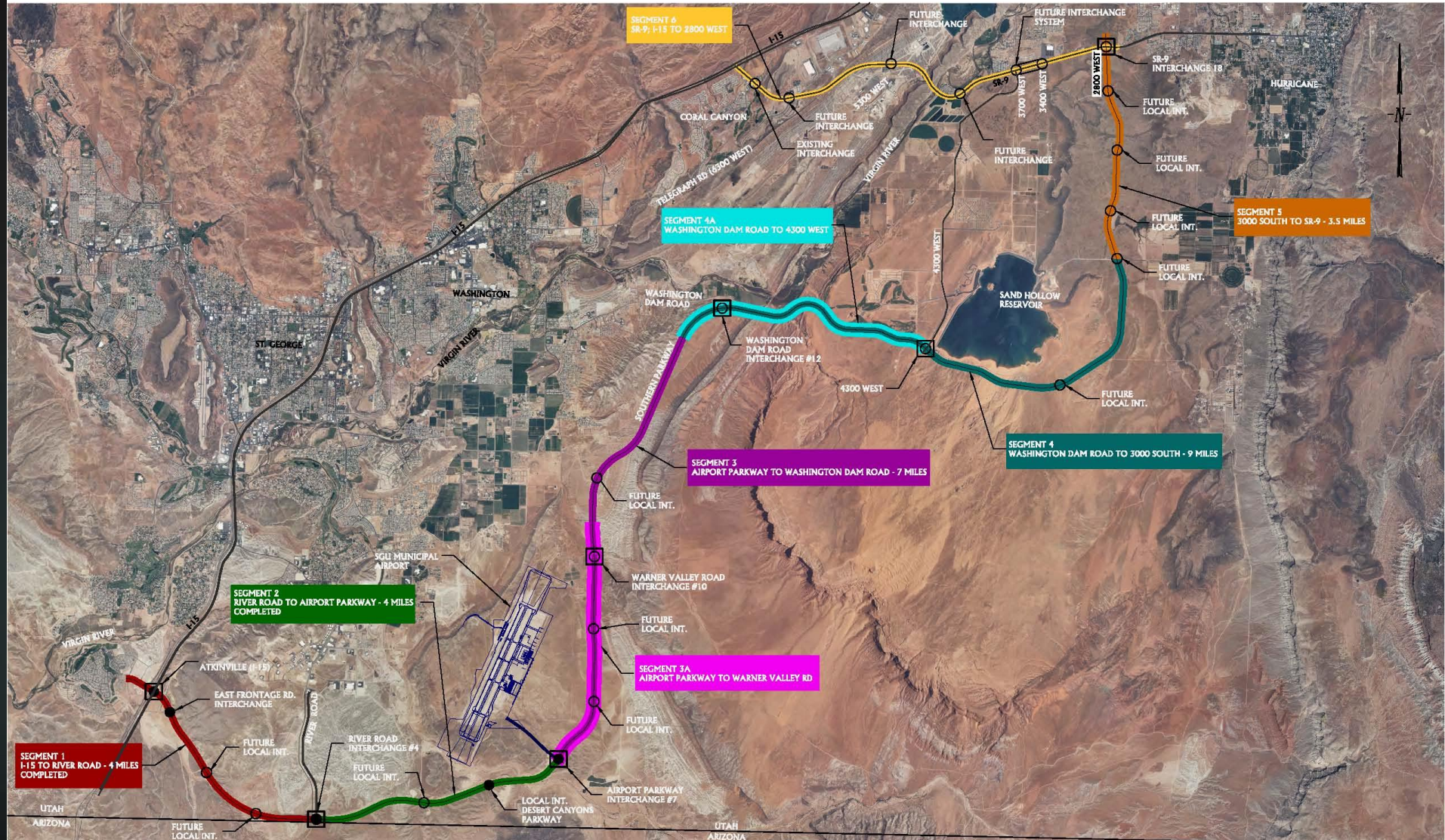
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# The Southern Parkway

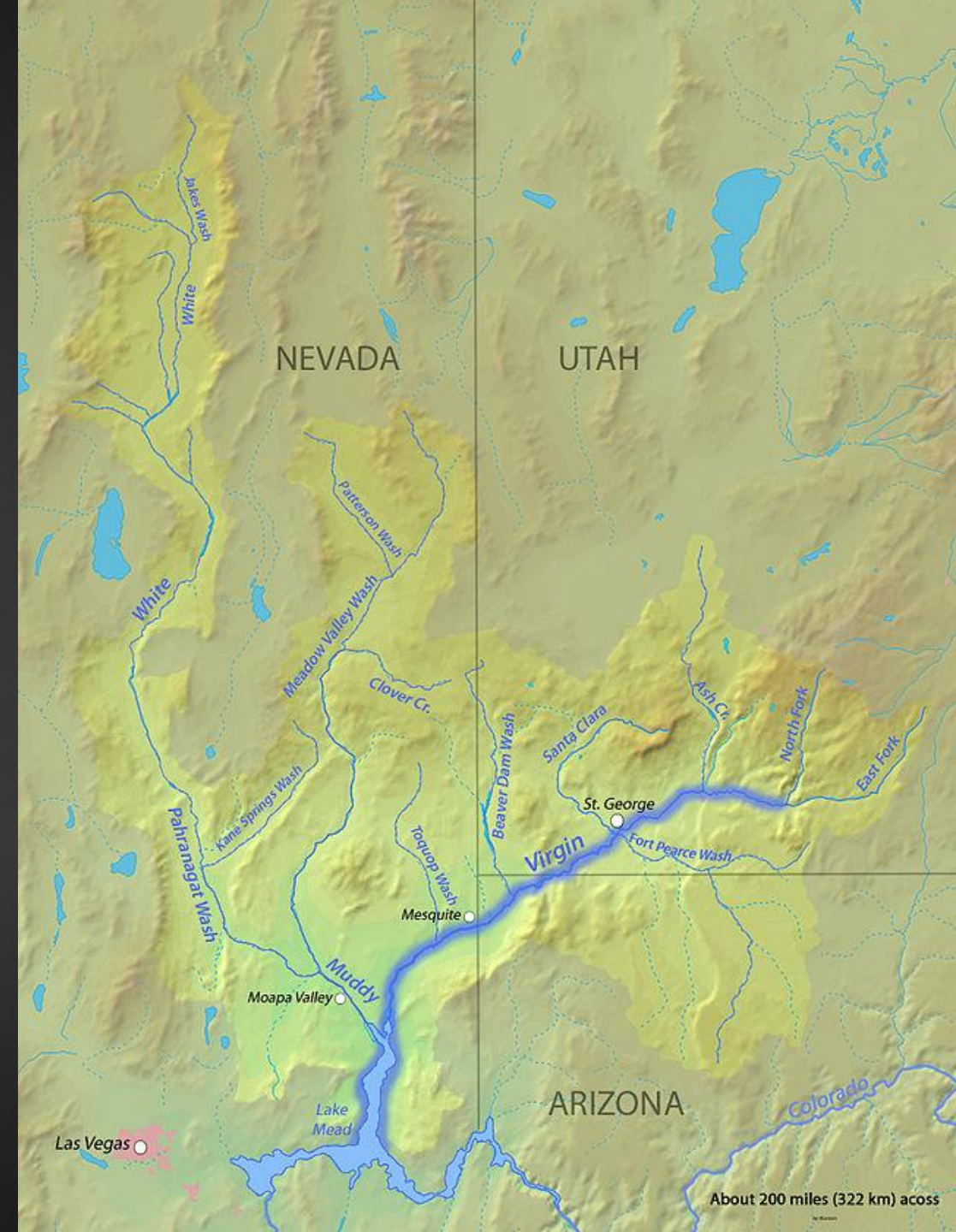
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# The Virgin River



Photo by John Teas, St. George News, 26 July 2013





# The Cotton Mission

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# Joseph W. Young

## Challenges Irrigating the Virgin River



“[C]ontrolling the water in this country, it is a difficult matter to what it is in the settlements north. It has not been uncommon for the brethren to build a dam...that cost four or five thousand dollars, and have it washed away within a few days, and so on ad infinitum.”

- Quoted in Andrew Karl Larson, *I Was Called to Dixie*, 362

# Charles W. Seegmiller

President of the Washington Fields Canal Company, 1886



“Well, we finished it, looked at it with satisfaction, and then said, ‘Now there is a dam that will be permanent; we have mastered the river at last!’”

- Interview with Andrew Karl Larson, 8 September 1945, quoted in Larson, *I Was Called to Dixie*, 367

# Ariel View of Washington Fields



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# Overgrazing in Washington County



Grazing on the Dixie National Forest. Photos courtesy of US Forest Service. On Loan to Sherratt Library, Southern Utah University



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# Overgrazing and Flooding in Manti, Sanpete County.

Photos from Snow College, Ephraim, Utah.

# The Soil Conservation Service



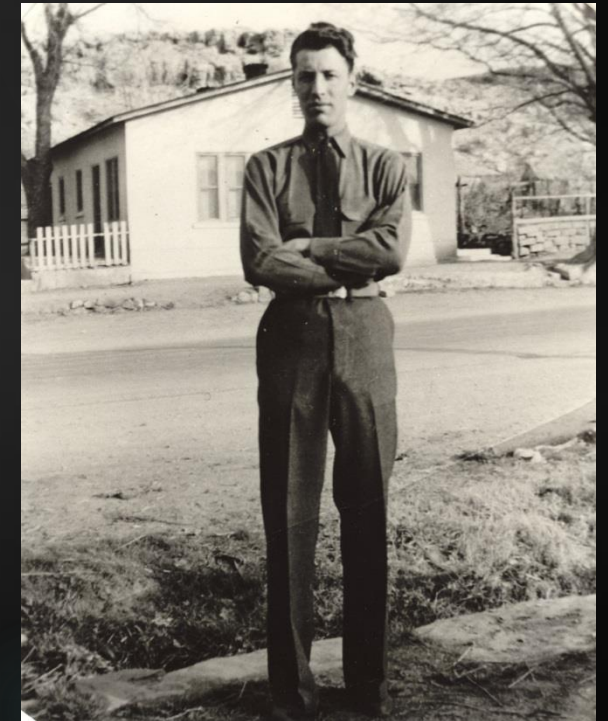
Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Legislation to protect against soil erosion. AP Photo



Shoring up Talus Slopes in Zion National Park.  
National Park Service Photo



CCC Worker at Leeds.  
WCHS Photo



# The Civilian Conservation Corps

# CCC Company 585 and the Washington Fields Project



CCC Company 585. WCHS Photo

Entrance to  
Camp SCS-U-7,  
Leeds, Utah.  
USHS Photo

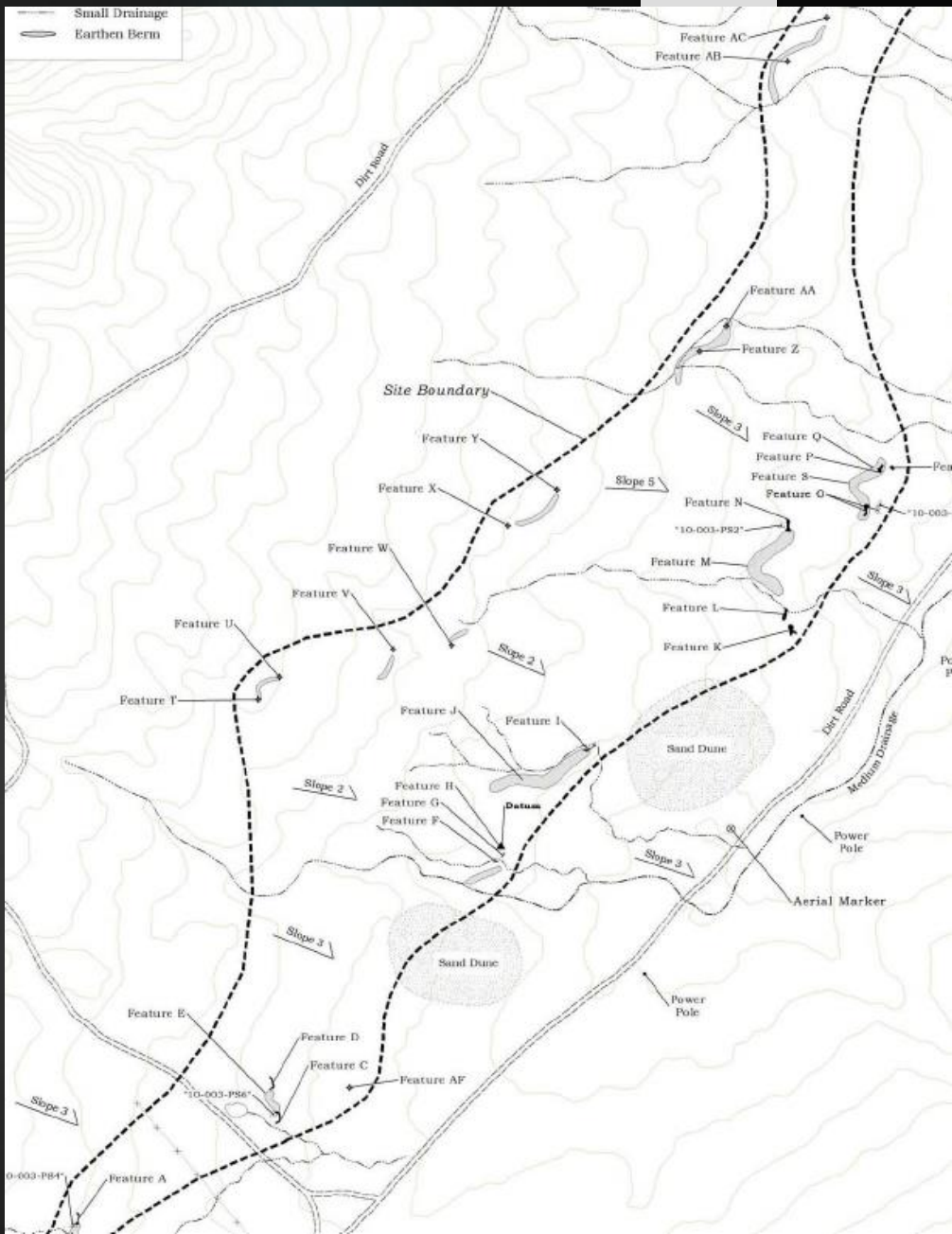
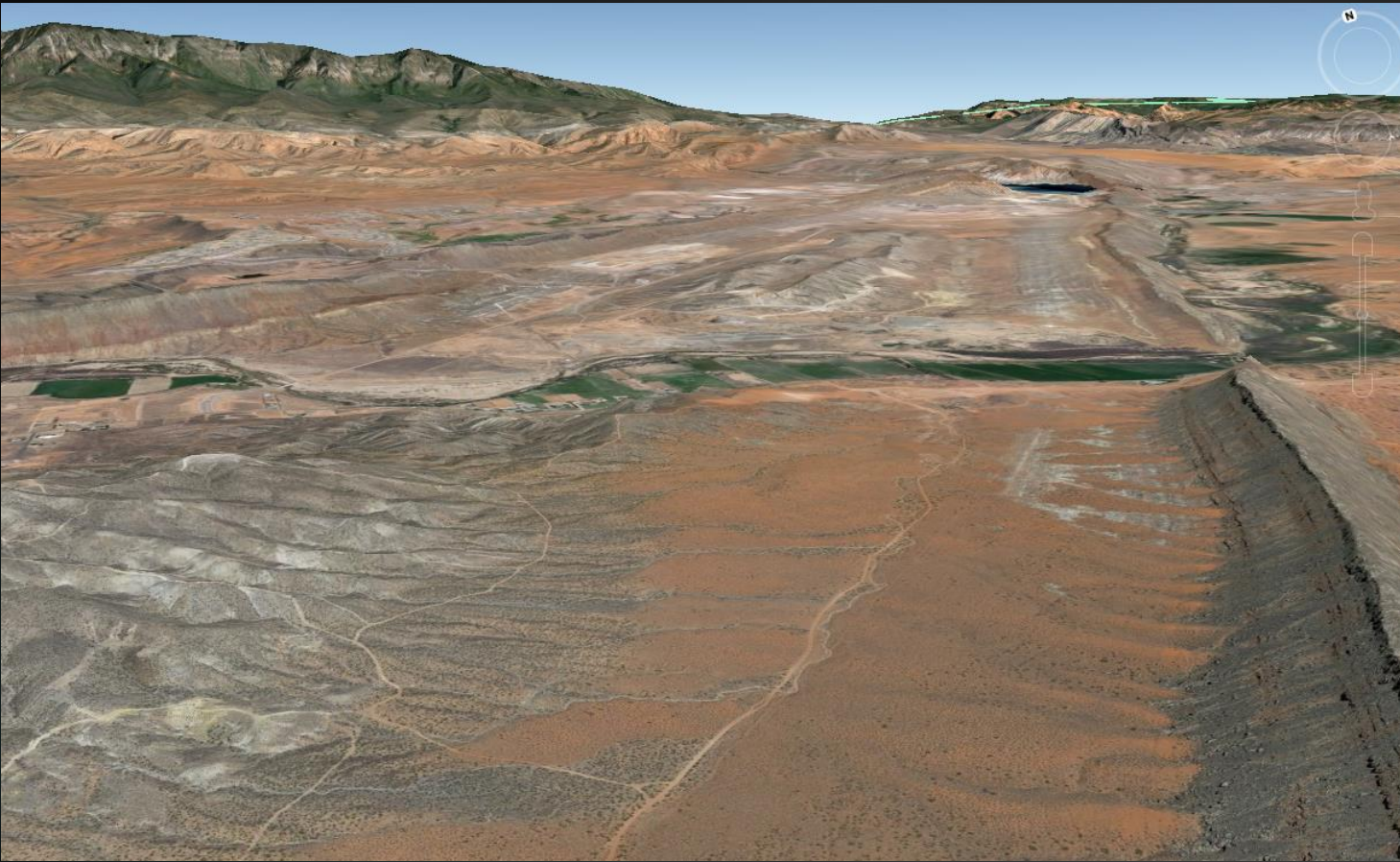


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# CCC Company 585 and the Washington Fields Project



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# Long Valley Washington Fields Project

# CCC-built Structures

## Washington Fields Project

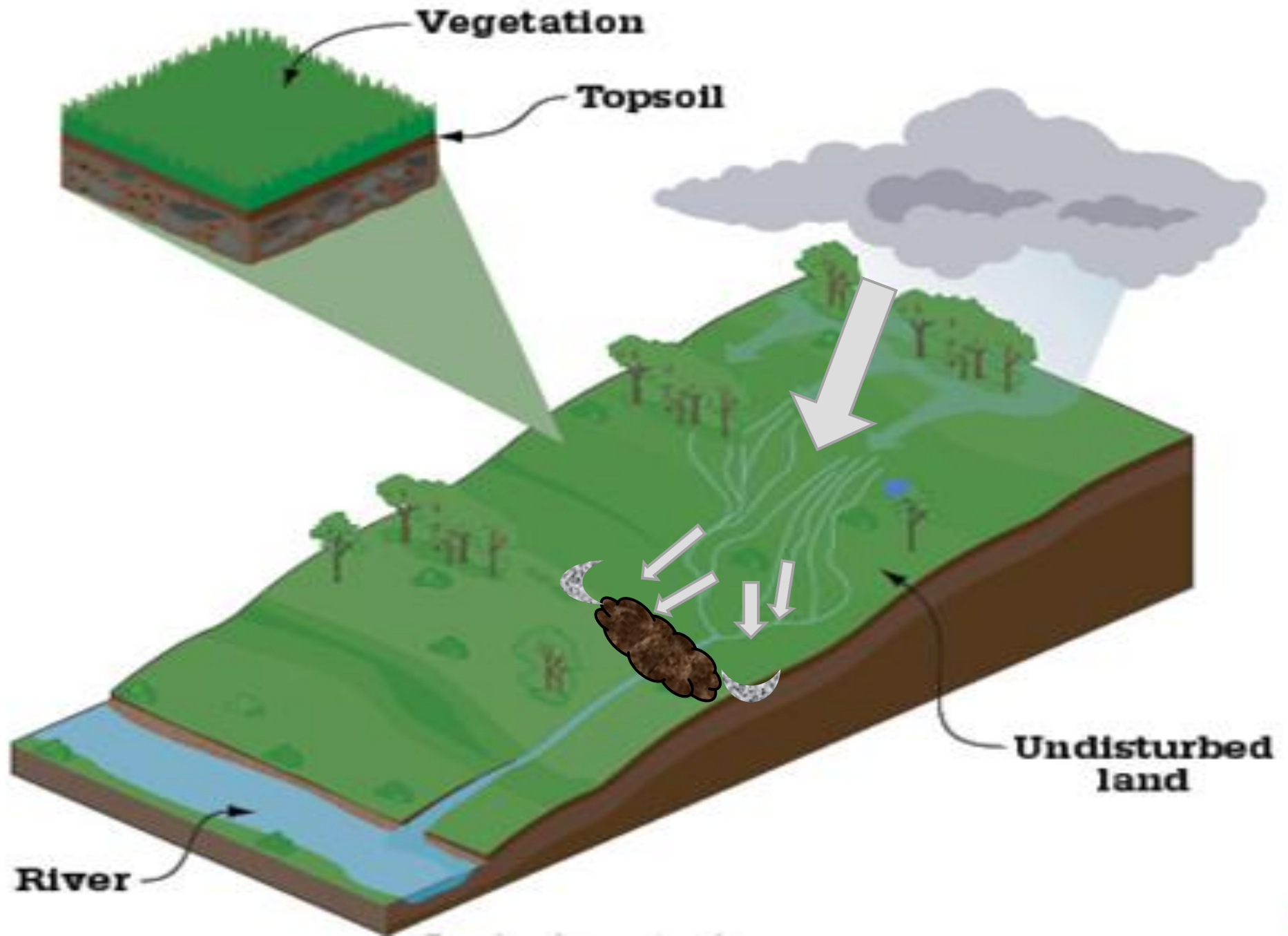


Earthen Berm and Rock Diversion Dam

U-Shaped Rock Spreader



Gully Plug



# CCC Company 585 and the Virgin River Basin

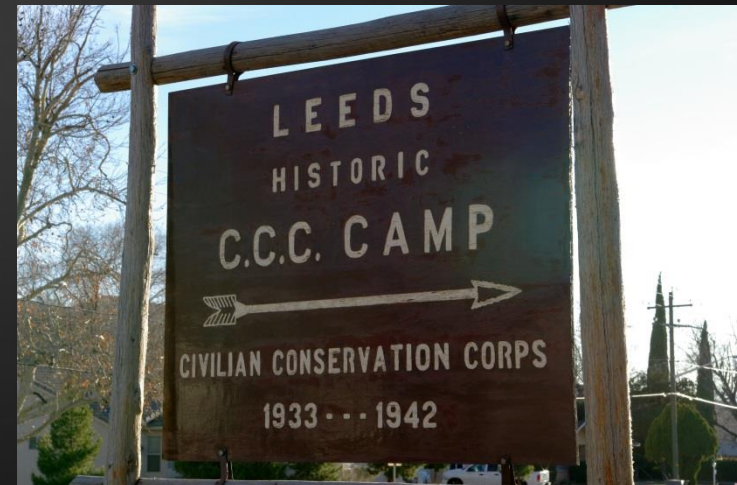


# CCC Camp SCS-U-7

## Leeds, Utah



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