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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fish Creek dam is a reinforced concrete multiple arched dam, located at the confluence of the three branches of Fish creek. From bedrock to crest it is 92 feet high and is 1725 feet in length.

There are sixty eight arches. The reservoir has a capacity for 12,743 acre feet to the spillway and 14,600 acre feet to the crest of the dam.

The dam, although still in use, is not in good condition. A seepage problem exists and there are some fears that the dam is unstable.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fish Creek dam is significant as one of two multiple arch dams in Idaho. This type of dam was described as "the latest and most scientific form of dam known to the engineering world" in 1919. This new design reputedly had greater elasticity and resilliency than more traditional dams and was considered to be earthquake proof.

John S. Eastwood, an engineer from Oakland, California, was the designer and builder of this type of dam. Fish Creek dam was the fourteenth dam he built in this style. Most of his work was done in California, although several examples exist in Utah, and this one and another at Malad Valley still stand in Idaho.

The dam was part of a Carey Act reclamation project and its reservoir provided water to irrigate the area around Carey, which was named after James Carey, the town's first post master, rather than the legislative act of 1894. This reclamation project is one of Idaho's better examples of systematic colonization by the L.D.S. church, and its meeting with no anti-Mormon resistence marks a change in social attitudes toward such church related endeavors.

¹ Idaho Daily Statesman, July 13, 1919, p. 9, c. 1-2.

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