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To the: State Planning Board  
Chairmen of the Advisory Research Council  
County Planning Commissions in Oregon.

The U. S. Geological Survey has transferred Mr. Arthur M. Piper of the Ground Water Division to Portland, Oregon. The ground water investigations of the Geological Survey in the Pacific Northwest will hereafter be directed from Mr. Piper's office, 516 Couch Building.

The present field program of this Division in the Northwest is limited to a reconnaissance survey of ground water levels in that part of Oregon lying east of the Cascade Mountains, and will be conducted in cooperation with the State Water Resources Department of Oregon. It also proposes to cooperate with the Army Engineers in the study of ground water in the Willamette Valley if this proposal is officially approved in Washington.

The Division has no emergency funds available but may be able to obtain some help from relief rolls under a W.P.A. project if such project is approved. Otherwise the work of the Division will be limited to its regular allotments.

In counties where the knowledge of ground water levels is important in its relationship to land drainage, or to the use of ground water for irrigation or domestic purposes, the planning commissions in these counties might be able to give valuable information or suggestions to Mr. Piper about the occurrence and possible uses of ground water in localities that are known to them but with which he is not yet familiar.

I am sure that Mr. Piper would welcome the assistance and advice of county planning commissions in Eastern Oregon on the reconnaissance survey mentioned above, and I therefore suggest that your members confer on this matter and have your secretary advise Mr. Piper as to what information or assistance you may be able to give him. The State Planning Board will appreciate receiving a copy of any communication you may send to Mr. Piper on this subject.

Yours very truly,

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