

Department Suspends Canyon Project

The Iron County road department has been working extensively this summer and fall on a road through Right Hand Canyon to Cedar Mountain and the Kanarra Mountain area.

The roadway is 30 feet wide from shoulder to shoulder allowing eventually for a 24-foot surface area. It is equivalent in grade to the road up Cedar Canyon in that it does not go beyond 10 per cent grade at any point.

At the present time, or the time when construction was discontinued for the winter months the work had been completed to a point on the face of Cedar Mountain just under the "A." The road takes off from Highway 14 up Cedar Canyon, follows the old Right Hand Canyon road for a short distance and then takes off to the western slopes of Right Hand Canyon and comes out on the north side of the face of Cedar Mountain. From this point it travels along the mountain where it eventually meets the old Cedar Mountain road at a point just above Green's Lake.

The purpose of the road is to afford an access to the area so that it can be reached, and it is reached at the present time from only two other roads — the Cedar and Kanarra Mountain road — both of which have grades up to 17 percent. These grades are practically impossible to maintain and gravel because of the slope.

One of the practical reasons for the development of this road is to afford a road of top quality for livestock men to transport by truck to and from the mountain ranges.

The project is being paid for on a "pay as you go" plan and the total cost of construction will not be known until the project is completed.

Although construction has been stopped for the present, it will get under way again as soon as weather permits in the

spring so that the construction can be completed to the top of Cedar Mountain early next season. At the present time the goal of the county road department is to reach the top. Once on top grade is no problem, it was pointed out by Ralph B. Platt, engineer, and all areas are accessible once the top is reached.

Although the primary purpose of the road is to develop a feasible route for rancher and livestock men, of secondary interest is the potential for tourist attraction and for sportsmen. With the development of the Kolob reservoir now completed, it may well become a popular fishing water along with other streams and ponds on the mountain which are not now accessible.

Maintenance on the Cedar Mountain road, up the face, will have to be made, however, for a number of ranchers are and will still use the sheep trail that follows the old road up over the top.