

LITTLE DROPS OF WATER

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Our subject today is LITTLE DROPS OF WATER that are in the Lincoln National Forest. Where they come from, what happens to them when properly cared for, what happens to them when they are wasted before they can be put into their natural storage and where they are stored.

To make a reasonable understanding of our LITTLE DROPS OF WATER we must take into consideration many things.

First, where do our LITTLE DROPS OF WATER come from? All the LITTLE DROPS OF WATER come from rain.

Second, what happens to the LITTLE DROPS OF WATER when they are properly cared for? Now let us go to the record put out by our United States Department of Commerce Weather Bureau and find out the number of these LITTLE DROPS OF WATER. From 1902 to 1930, a period of 28 years, there was an average of 23.77 inches of rain per year. This flowed into the natural resource reservoir in Lincoln National Forest. There is a natural resource reservoir drainage by flowing springs to the towns of La Luz, Tularosa, Cloudcroft, Alamogordo, Mayhill, Lower Penasco, Hope, Orgrande, Pinon, and Dell City areas.

And, finally, what happens to the LITTLE DROPS OF WATER when they are wasted before they can be put into their natural storage? We will go back to the government record and find out how many LITTLE DROPS OF WATER fell in the period of 1930 to 1960. There was an average of 26.34 inches of rain per year, that is 2.57 inches more than fell in the period of 1902 to 1930.

These examples are the best ways I can explain the misuse of our LITTLE DROPS OF WATER. The production of animals and farming have been reduced. The Forest Service permits 17 head of cattle now to the same amount of land as they did in 1920 for 80 head of cattle. There are many, many orchards that have died because there was not enough drainage from the natural resource reservoir.

Now we suggest take steps to immediately get back our natural resource reservoir, remove the weed trees and clean the debris so our forest will be more beautiful and make a better recreation area with our LITTLE DROPS OF WATER. There are many, many LITTLE DROPS OF WATER wasted by the lack of knowledge.

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