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Dear Mr Carpenter=
You will probably remember my visit to your office some weeks ago. I'm almost 87 years old. I was fourteen years old when this Beaver Valley had its worse drought. None like this one has not happened until this year 2002.

I plan on keeping you abrest of what is happening in Beaver Valley water wise.

In 1929 there were no large pump wells in Beaver Valley. Since about 1950, the Utah State Engineer has approved about 30 big pump wells in this valley more or less.

For your information in 1929 or 1930 the U.S goverment came to this valley and drilled several wells to water the livestock. I know where 5 of these wells were drilled. Now I'm going to write about one of these government wells: This well is 3½ miles West of Beaver and a ¼ miles South of the Beaver Milford highway When the well was drilled in 1929 the casing was ten or twelve inches around. This government well started to flow. I remember it flowed for maybe 6-5 years. The last few years those who received water from this well placed

a pump in the well to get more water to the Meadows and Greenville town peoples. A few days ago this well pumped no water. The pump was placed deeper in this well by a local person. He gave me the above information.

Now my concern is just how many of these big wells will be going deeper to get the water they desire.

There are many small family wells in this Beaver Valley. What will happen if these wells all become necessary to go deeper. It may turn out to be one big mess. Hate among the people could get bad.

I'm most glad in Utah the water is owned by the State of Utah, administered by the Utah State Engineer. I only hope these water laws will be applied in a fair and honest way. They have not always been honest, even in the Cedar City State Engineers office.

Your office and the State Engineers office in Salt Lake is going to be tried down to last nitch by September 2002.

It my rain, I don't think it will. Of course I'm here and in my life experience is a wonderful thing.

I do feel sorry for those who will receive and will try to keep the peoples of Southern Utah somewhat happy. I once saw a herd of cattle run out of water on a very hot day. It was unbelievable just how mean they got. Just maybe we humans will act much better.

I would only hope that because the State of Utah owns the water that they will not allow every inch of the underground water be pumped out, if this happens it will be bad. I believe all this underground water comes to this valley, fed from the Tushar Mountains. Replacing a portion of it will not take place on a year like this one. The Wilden Slough in South Beaver is just about dry. Others will take place later this summer.

I just may not know what I'm writing about, I asure you time will tell.

One other thing - Indian Creek is about dry. Wild cat creek is dry. North Creek is about gone. South Creek is about dry. There is no irregation in the following ditches - Mammoth Canal. Willis-Harris sprinkling - Owens Ditch. No storage in the Kents Lakes

Now I wish some Utah State engineer person would tell me why our Beaver River Commissioner needs to be paid money from the water users when there is no water. Minersville Reservoir water will be gone in another month. It would be nice if people were fair and honest with each other.

I know I'm from the old school. but to give a person several thousand dollars for doing nothing is a bit ridiculous

Beaver River Water Commissioner Ronny Roberts could earn his monthy salary if he was told to pick out ten big wells and check their water level every ten days. The Kents Lake Reservior Co has a water level indicator & think this item could be rented to do this job. This may be valuable information for your office in the next few month in Beaver Valley.

Now this is a rather long letter. If the information found in this letter is not important chuck in file thirteen, and I'll shut up. I'm having copies made for future references. Thanks

If you dont object I may have my letter placed in the local paper, also the Cedar paper.

Please excuse the mistakes found herein.

Sincerely

Evan Patterson

Just a Beaver Citizen.