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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dee C. Hansen  
FROM: Robert F. Guy  
SUBJECT: Big Sand Wash  
DATE: October 13, 1977

Reference is made to the attached letter which requests the State Engineer to require locking headgates and to extend the jurisdiction of the Duchesne River Commissioner to include Big Sand Wash.

It appears that the problem started with the construction of Big Sandwash Reservoir by the Division of Water Resources. The dam was constructed across Big Sandwash Creek and intercepted flows which have been appropriated by the Big Sandwash Irrigation Co. and others (see attached sheet). The reservoir operators, Moonlake Waterusers Assn. and Dry Gulch Irrigation Co., agreed to release a constant flow of 5.0 c.f.s. from the reservoir to satisfy the existing rights. Apparently somebody was dissatisfied with the agreement and a law suit was instigated.

Big Sandwash Creek lies between the Lake Fork River and the Uintah River. Both rivers are under the jurisdiction of a Federal Court appointed Water Commissioner. The main source of supply for Big Sandwash Reservoir is the Lake Fork River and the Water Commissioner regulates and keeps records on the reservoir. It would appear that the Federal Water Commissioner would be the logical person to be Water Commissioner on Big Sandwash Creek rather than the Duchesne River Water Commissioner. It also appears that there could be some conflict between State and Federal since part of the water we are being asked to distribute is distributed under Federal Decree. You may want to hold a hearing to better determine what course of action you might want to take.

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