

1986 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT FOR BURNT FORK - BEAVER CREEK

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May 10

WATER RIGHTS
An attempt was made to check the Burntfork ditches. The water level was too low to fill the rights completely. No measurements were made because of bad weather.

May 15

I drove to Hoops Lake in an effort to turn Thompson Creek out of Hoops Lake into the Burnt Fork. Because of snow and mud, I couldn't even drive to the Dam. There was too much snow to get to Thompson Creek. Hoops Lake was frozen over.

May 27

I went to Hoops Lake, then to Thompson Creek to turn Thompson into Burnt Fork. There was still some snow on the trail, but I made it this time.

June 7

Went to Beaver Creek with Earl Hanks. The Big Ditch had 18 CFS. I adjusted it to 3 CFS., which is the right. We rolled rocks to reduce the flow from approximately 15 CFS. to 7 CFS. in the East Beaver lateral going from Middle Beaver to East. This ditch badly needs a headgate and measuring device.

June 9

Velma O'Neil requested that I go with her and Larry to Henry's Fork to see the situation which exists between them and Lyman Grazing Association. Lyman Grazing has made many illegal diversions from the Henry's Fork Ditch, both with open cuts and also small pipes.

I also attended the field tour, which was held later to view this problem.

June 10

I went to Manila, Utah to help settle a problem on the Lower Henry's Fork.

July 25

Most users had shut off their ditches so they could get ready to hay.

August 11

Went to Thompson Creek again to turn it out of Hoops Lake into Burnt Fork. Some one had turned it into Hoops Lake. The Hoops Lake overflow would then benefit someone down stream East Fork of Beaver or Gregory Basin.

September 5

Glen Wadsworth requested that I shut East Fork of Beaver and Gregory Basin. so he could use the water. His rights were older and he should have the water during this low water time. I adjusted the best I could. In spite of this, someone turned the water back in East Fork of Beaver and Gregory Basin.

September 10

Went to Beaver Creek to meet Jack Buckley. Lyman Grazing would not allow him to fill his Carter Creek right. Lyman Grazing would not allow him to clean the creek so water could flow enough to fill his

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rights. Jack installed a headgate and flume. He requested that I supply water to him.

Sept. 17

Went with Jack Buckley to reduce or shut off flow in upper ditches on Beaver Creek, so Jack's earlier rights could be filled.

September 20

Went Alden Olsen's Ranch to determine how much water he and Evans had; they use the same ditch. There has been some friction here with no measuring devices.

All in all this was a very good water year. But, there are still many problems on the Beaver Creek.