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Memorandum for Office Study only, by Reid Jerman

RE: BEAVER CREEK-SUMMIT COUNTY
Near Lonetree Wyo.

Following a complaint to this office by Mr. I. A. Bullock, I visited Beaver Creek on July 12, 1933. I discussed with Mr. Harry Buckley, the largest owner in the Bullock-Buckley Ditch, the complaint by Mrs. Bullock to the effect that Mr. Geo. Stroll, water commissioner in 1931, had taken their water and nailed their headgate. Mr. Stroll denies ever nailing a headgate.

It appears the water of Beaver Creek was very low in 1931 and Mr. Stroll needed water to supply prior rights. He went, with authority, to the Utah users find them with a large volume of water out and told them they must be cut down to their rights. Mr. Stroll was informed if such was the case he just as well take all the water. It was finally decided if they would take the water on a lower field where the return flow would reach Beaver creek they could have some additional water, which was done. Mr. Buckley said that everyone lost hay that season for lack of water. It appears that Mrs. Bullock was fearful the same thing was going to happen again this year and spoke ahead of time. Mr. Stroll, at this time, has no power to regulate the Utah water on Beaver creek. I did not contact Mr. I. O. Bullock as he was up the creek working on a pole line.

Mr. Buckley entered a protest against the way Mr. Allen Bullock of Lonetree, Wyoming, was doing with the water. He stated that Mr. Bullock had no right whatever but of recent years enlarged an old ditch and was taking from Beaver more water each and every year until now he thought he had ditch capacity to take the entire stream during low water season and, this he had virtually done at times. He was riding the ditch with a gun and had made some very determined statements. Mr. Buckley thought a letter from the State Engineer's office might help the situation.

RJ.

See letter from Mr. Bullock on file dated June 12, 1931 relative to this situation.