File Burnt Fork "no reply" E.H.W.

Burntfork Wyo 6/29/1943

Mr Ed. H. Watson: State Engineer
State Capitol Saltlake

Dear Sir: am indeed sorry to have goten your letter of 26th of rebuke in handling of the Hoop Lake and Tompson creek.
Mr Watson: we here are only a few: and must we be driven out of our homes because after having trying and having spent all we could posibly get to build a rescrvoy that would posibly save us after so many years of suffering.
I realize that there are a State line just in our door yard and have tried to do all that could be done to comply with same: in all respects and laws.
an inspection will show if or not we - we have infringed upon the rights of others: or if we have been wronged.
when you were out here last summer all Utah users pledged themselves to put in hedgates which has not been did.. and if you can find any of the Utah grond not irrigated or wet it would have been very different as they have kept their canals sloping over in a way that no water crosses the State line except 2 Springs the Ind

P.S. or Birch creek

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May 12th 1943 closed the hedgates on Thompson creek with the Hoop Lake Dam Tower 7 feet 5 in below the top of Tower: but let East Beaver creek continue as it was a very small stream.
May 29th found a small stream had been let in from Thompson creek and went on re-closed it.
June 14th put a chain and lock on the valve as some one had broke the lock.
June 23rd let Hanks have water from Lake
June 28. we have about 42 feet of water coming out of the lake.
While we users was drawing to the Burntfork about 18 feet at the lake from June 11th the day we got our canal ready.
On June 23 I opened the Hedgate on the Thompson creek: and Burntfork had a lot of water and the canals were over loaded to prevent any to come across the line and I am told it was bragged about by some up the line

Wm McGinnis

P.S. I have never let the water get at any time above the mark the Regional Engineer gave me 1941-1942 which is very clear

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