

The State of Wyoming

Board of Control

Robertson, Wyoming.  
August 7th. 1942.

Hon. Ed. H. Watson.  
State Engineer of Utah.  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mr. Watson:

In perusal of copy of Minutes of Meeting of Water Users on Burntfork Creek, held at the Burntfork School House on July 22nd. 1942, I note that in the fifth paragraph on Page three of said minutes, it is worded to the effect that I had stated "Quotation" That the water should be divided on the basis of actual beneficial use and no more water should be taken than that required to irrigate the land under each ditch" End of quotation.

Such statement would not in any way tend to protest the suggestion that upon a committee being chosen during a meeting of the Utah water users, to be held in the near future, such committee should agree among themselves as to amount of water and to stipulate the amount of water each ditch is to divert, whereas it was my full and definite intent to protest such self-allocation as to quantity without limitation excepting as such committee, appointed, shall see fit to limit its claim of beneficial use with or without regard to equitable distribution and rights among water users diverting from Burntfork Creek within the limits of the State Of Wyoming, as well as those diverting from said stream above the Utah-Wyoming State Boundary.

It being evident that my point of argument and intent, during the meeting held at Burntfork, Wyoming, have been misconstrued, it is my desire that this writing be made a part of the records of the minutes taken during the meeting held at the Burntfork School House on July 22nd. 1942. I fully realize your position and rights in this matter, Mr. Watson, and I want to assure you that this is not written with any spirit of animosity, but I do not wish to go on record as agreeing to or approving any action that may prove unfavorable to water users diverting from Burntfork Creek within the State of Wyoming.

A copy of this writing is being forwarded to Hon. Loren C. Bishop, Inter-State Streams Commissioner of Wyoming.

Yours very truly,

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Superintendent, Water Division

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