

State of Wyoming



STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Cheyenne

August 24, 1940



Mr. T. H. Humpherys
State Engineer
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Humpherys:

On my return from the Little Snake River country, I find your letters of August 22, concerning the proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Association of Western State Engineers, and August 23, concerning the Burnt Fork matter.

First, I wish to compliment you on the very fine report, as I am aware that it requires considerable effort to get out such a report as this, and I also note that you furnished the mimeographing and materials including incidental postage without charge.

I am sending a copy of your letter concerning the Burnt Fork matter to Mr. Emil C. Gradert, Superintendent Water Division No. 4 at Robertson, Wyoming, and I suggest that hereafter you send copies of any correspondence concerning matters of water administration between our states to him in order that he may be fully informed concerning what is going on.

I am aware that the situation here is rather complicated and am wondering if it could be settled for each stream crossing the state line in the same manner as the Teton Creek controversy was settled between Wyoming and Idaho.

Here, a suit was filed by Idaho users requesting the Court to determine the matter between the users of the two states and after some six years in Court, Mr. Spofford and myself met with the users of both states and came to an agreement whereby one-half the water available for use in Wyoming when the water becomes low was to be passed across the state line into Idaho (Before this the Wyoming users took all the water during the low period). Last year they operated under a temporary agreement between the users signed by Mr. Spofford and myself and this year the agreement was written into a Decree and signed by Judge Kennedy of the U. S. Court and to date there has been no trouble over the administration since our first agreement, and its operation is so simple that any water commissioner can easily understand it.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. C. Bishop".

L. C. BISHOP
State Engineer.

LCB/eb
cc: Emil C. Gradert

P. S. Hope to see you at Great Falls