State Offers To Aid in Water Fight

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State Engineer T. H. Humpherys offered Tuesday to cooperate with State Engineer L. C. Bishop of Wyoming to settle differences between water users of the two states on the Henry's Fork and Burnt Fork streams.

The two streams rise in Utah and are used in this state and Wyoming for irrigation and stock watering. Difficulties usually arise late in the season when the waters diminish, Mr. Humpherys said.

Austin G. Burton, assistant to the Utah state engineer, and Emli C. Gradert, superintendent of water division No. 4 of Wyoming, have effected a temporary settlement. The engineers of the two states will now attempt to bring about a permanent settlement.

Mr. Humpherys said that water applications in Utah so far this year total 630, which is 214 more than for the entire year of 1939. In the period from July 15 to August 15, due to the extreme drouth, there were 73 applications filed, compared with 34 in the same period last year.