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State Engineer's Office

Burnt Fork, Wyoming
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Wyoming State Engineer
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Sir:

As members of the lower Burntfork Water Users Association, we feel that we should bring to your attention the recent attempt of Mr. D. C. Jensen to divert the water of the east branch of Burntfork to the West Branch, and so change the original channel of the stream.

This cut in the stream, across which he has built a solid dam, would allow the high water in spring to cut through deep soil for a distance of about one hundred feet to the west branch of Burntfork. This diversion would cause such damage that several weeks of work would be required to put the stream back in its original channel. If the water remained in the west branch, seven recorded ditches, part of them with territorial rights, would be without water, as it is impossible to take water out of the west branch below the point of diversion.

This man has been a continual source of aggravation, both to the water users and to the district commissioners, whose authority he has always defied. In 1922 he took a ditch out of Burntfork without a permit and still uses water out of it. He refuses to respect any prior rights in either state, and has gone up the length of the stream tearing out dams and cutting ditches. In 1936 he was arrested for cutting ditches by Owen Bullock, Water Commissioner for Utah in this district.

We are sending in this same complaint to the Utah engineer, as we feel that while we people are helpless to handle this matter alone, the two state offices working with the district commissioners, will be able to settle this matter satisfactorily and so stop this law breaking.

Will you let us know your decision in this matter, and in what way we can help to carry out your decision?

Yours respectfully,

Signed

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