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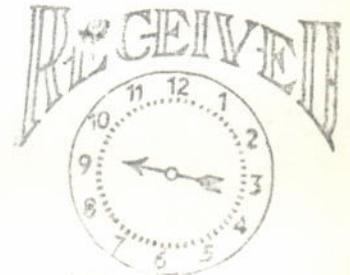
ROOSEVELT, UTAH

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Our system embraces fifty-three thousand acres of fine cultivated land in the heart of the Uintah Basin

Mr. George M. Bacon, State Engineer
Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Bacon:



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IN RE: Water Commissioner State Engineer's Office

The very serious shortage of water this year, compels the Dry Gulch Company to look to every available source for its supply. On the 16th, I made a trip over the Dry Gulch Creek to see what the conditions were. I found between four and six c.f.s. in the west branch of the Creek, all of which was being diverted by the Monarch Canal and Reservoir Company. Now the Dry Gulch Company has a prior filing on this Creek and is sorely in need of the water upon which it has filed.

Along with the Dry Gulch Creek, we feel that if the Montez Creek is put under the supervision of some competent person, that some water can be made available for the Dry Gulch Company from that source, which otherwise would not be received, although, at the present time, little could be realized from that source.

We are herewith making this our formal application for the appointment of a water commissioner for the Dry Gulch Creek, including both the west and east branches and for the Montez Creek.

After giving the matter considerable thought, the officials of this company have concluded that if B. O. Colton is made commissioner for the Uintah and Lakefork Rivers, that he would perhaps be the very best man that could be appointed as commissioner on these two streams. Our thought would be that his appointment on the Dry Gulch Creek and Montez Creek would not be made a part of his appointment for the other two rivers but entirely separate and independent. We feel that a day, occasionally, would be ample to take care of the administration of the Dry Gulch and Montez Creeks, for which service he could be paid on a per diem basis and his salary and employment for the other two creeks to continue undisturbed. He would, of course, have to appoint a deputy, or deputies to carry out his instructions on the two small creeks and they, too, should be employed on a per diem basis.

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Conditions, as they actually exist, seem to us to also justify a separation of the costs for the Dry Gulch and Montez Creeks. One reason for this thought is our belief that the appropriators on the Montez Creek will have no particular objection to a commissioner for that stream but if the expenses are to be linked up with the service on some creek entirely removed and having no relation to their source of supply, that perhaps they will find objection.

If we are to realize any benefits this year, and particularly so on the Dry Bulch Creek, a commissioner must be appointed immediately. the fact is, that the greatest benefits that can be had to this company will be the water which rightfully belongs to it for the next three weeks, during which period it is absolutely certain it will not receive any appreciable amount from the Lakefork and Uintah Rivers.

We fully appreciate your position in matters of this kind, in that you feel concerned in administering justice to the majority of the appropriators and would hesitate to make any hasty action without you know that it would be for the benefit of the majority concerned. In this connection, we believe that the Dry Gulch Irrigation Company is more seriously concerned than any other appropriator on either of the creeks. On both branches of the Dry Gulch Creek, we are last diverters of water with the prior rights. On the west fork of the Dry Gulch Creek, the Monarch Canal and Reservoir Company are the only other appropriators besides this company and on the east fork, the only other appropriator is the Cedarview Irrigation Company for storage in its Johnnie Starr Reservoir, except they may also have an application for diversion of direct flow, which they sometimes do. On the Montez Creek, the prior appropriators on the west branch are also the uppermost diverters and the fact is, that they divert several times more than their application calls for. Also, on the east fork of this creek, the prior appropriators are on the head-water so they are not greatly concerned about having a commissioner appointed. Ira Bryant is the last diverter on the stream and is not greatly concerned because even if the water is all diverted by the appropriators, including the Dry Gulch Company, there is sufficient return from seepage and waste that he usually has more than he can use any way.

If, in your opinion, it is necessary to call a meeting to get a majority expression from the appropriators on these two creeks, we feel to urge that the meeting be called with the least possible delay and we will suggest that an inspection of these creeks could be made in one day and it would be very helpful, not only to meet the present situation, but for all time in the future, for an examination to be made by either yourself or one of your deputies. We would be more than glad to spend a day and furnish the transportation for you to make the inspection.

Trusting this matter will receive your prompt attention, we are

Yours very truly,

DRY GULCH IRRIGATION COMPANY

By *Louie Holloway*

Secretary

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