

# State of Wyoming



STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

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Attn: Norseth  
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Burnt Fork, Birch Creek

Mr. John A. Teichert  
Superintendent  
Water Division No. 4  
Cokeville, Wyoming

Dear John:

The enclosed copy of a notice to water users on the Burnt Fork-Birch Creek Distribution System is self-explanatory. It was received in the mail yesterday.

It is my understanding that the present water commissioner in this area is Mr. Lyle Anderson. Not too long ago, a Mr. Behunin from McKinnon, Wyoming was in the office and outlined what he felt to be a problem in that area. It is his opinion, and he states that it is also the common opinion of most Wyoming water users in the area, that Mr. Anderson is not doing a satisfactory job of administering the water. These water users feel that Mr. Anderson is lax in his regulation of the Utah water users, which of course is detrimental to the Wyoming water users.

I think it might be a good idea if you could check into this situation and determine to your own satisfaction whether or not there is a widespread feeling that Mr. Anderson is failing to carry out an impartial administration of the water with regard to all water users. Inasmuch as the State of Wyoming is paying the major portion of the salary of this water commissioner, I feel that we have a definite responsibility to see that the individual selected to do the job is treating all users fairly and that he is making all regulations which are needed in the interest of proper water administration. If it appears to be the opinion of a majority of the Wyoming water users that Mr. Anderson is not adequately fulfilling his

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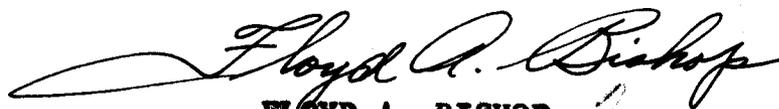
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responsibilities as water commissioner, I think we should take steps to see that he will not be reappointed. I feel that Mr. Criddle would be entirely reasonable and cooperative in approaching this problem.

It would be my suggestion that after you have determined to your own satisfaction what the existing situation among the water users is, you should contact Mr. Criddle prior to the March 16th meeting, and inform him if you feel that a change should be made. Also I would suggest that you should attend this March 16th meeting at Manila, Utah.

Please let us know how you make out with regard to this situation.

Sincerely,



FLOYD A. BISHOP,  
State Engineer

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cc: Wayne D. Criddle, Utah State Engineer, Salt Lake City, ✓  
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