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POT CREEK
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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM ON RUN OFF CONDITIONS IN THE POT CREEK AREA

Mr. Donald Norseth, Distribution Engineer
State Engineer's Office
State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Don:

On April 22, 1965, between the hours of *8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. I accompanied the State Fish and Game Dept. Pilot in the Fish and Game aircraft on an observation flight over the Pott Creek, Matt Warner Res. area. The purpose of the flight was to determin if any water was running in Pot Creek and to see if any of the Reservoirs were open and releasing water.

In Pot Creek immediately west and upstream from the Matt Warner Reservoir the creek channel was covered with snow and no signs of water running were evident. There were some small pools along the channel but no sign of any water movement. The channel appeared to be completely filled in with snow and ice. There appeared to be in the neighborhood of two feet of snow pack judging from the fence lines.

In the area between the Matt Warner Res. and the Crouse Res. water was running in from side draws and appeared to be in the area of 3 or 4 dfs as we neared the Crouse Res. The Crouse Res. was aprox 1/3 full. We noted that both the Matt Warner and Crouse Reservoirs were closed and only the normal amount of seep was coming through. The snow pack in the Crouse Res. area was generally gone on the south slpes and bottoms and limited to north slppes and some small patches of snow in the brush areas. The roads were generally clear from snow in this area.

A good stream of water was running in the area immediately below the Crouse Res. and looked to be in the area of 2 to 3 cfs. Most of the snow was gone in the area down stream from the Crouse Res.

We did not go on down to Colorado, but generally we can assume from what we saw around the Crouse Res. than no snow would be left in that area and the Reservoirs for stock water should be full and over flowing judging from the amount of water running in the creek channel below the Crouse Res.

I will keep close check on the situation and advise you as soon as I am able to make a visit either by jeep or snow cat. There was some talk of the County opening up the road to permitt sheepmen access to the Diamond Mnt. area in order that they might lamb out their sheep heads.

The weather has been generally cold and stormy the past week and it is doubtful if the snow has melted any more to date than it was on April 22.

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CC: Hubert Lambert
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Joe Calder, Pot Creek User
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Sincerely,


POT CREEK COMMISSIONER