

251 South 3rd West
Vernal, Utah
May 3, 1964

Hon. Wayne D. Criddle
State Engineer
State of Utah
Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

Please consider this my protest to the release of water this year through the Matt Warner Reservoir to the Colorado users on lower Pot Creek because such release will not reach them and the water will be wasted.

On April 30, 1964 I was at the Matt Warner Reservoir. The elevation gauge was at 91.7, which the capacity table chart shows to be 145.26 acre feet. The Crouse Reservoir had about the same amount of water in it. Where the road crosses Pot Creek below the Crouse Reservoir it was dry.

Last year the U.S.G.S. inflow measurement into the Matt Warner Reservoir was very small. It never exceeded 7 second feet and this was for one day only. Had the decree of the court been followed and the water released out of the Matt Warner Reservoir from day to day as it came, I do not believe much, if any, would have reached the Crouse Reservoir eight miles below. Commissioner Rasmussen permitted the inflow to accumulate in the Matt Warner Reservoir and then released it in bulk. I measured the released water into the Crouse Reservoir. There was a loss of about two second feet between the two reservoirs. This was a good water conserving thing except that it lowered my holdover storage 1.29 feet.

Two years ago the Matt Warner Reservoir was filled to capacity on April 28, 1962, and the U.S.G.S. shows 7400 acre feet went to waste into Green River.

Three years ago, 1961, you released from the Crouse Reservoir to the Colorado users two years' storage of their rights, or 203 acre feet. Engineer Louie Galloway's measurement on file with you showed less than eleven acre feet reached the Colorado users.

As I have no holdover storage this year, I am willing to permit all Pot Creek rights to be stored in my Matt Warner Reservoir until Pot Creek ceases flowing. This will permit an accurate prorating of the water, an accurate appraisal of water transportation loss, and much saving in the distribution thereof.

I trust that this will receive your favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Zelph S. Calder

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