

**COAL CREEK  
NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSN.**

CEDAR CITY, UTAH

April 24, 1939.

T.H. Humpherys, State Engineer,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rel; Coal Creek Distribution Complaint.

Dear Mr. Humpherys,-

Relative to the complaint made by one of the Officials of the North Field Irrigation Company; sorry I did not have an opportunity to discuss the matter with you before you left Cedar City. Any complaints that have come to me I have tried to answer by going to the canal in question and there taking the wier measurement and making any corrections if necessary right on the ground.

This morning, Millard Halterman, President of the North Field Irrigation Company, came to me while I was measuring the water and complained that they were not getting their share of water. He asked how much there was in their canal at that time and I answered him, "about 20 c.f.s." He was sure there was not more than 14 c.f.s. I invited him to go with me to the wier and we would measure it. The wier measurement showed they were getting 19.5 c.f.s. This did not satisfy him and he suggested that we take a measurement thru an old wier formerly used, this we did and the measurement was 19.5 again. They were entitled to 19 c.f.s.

The flow of Coal Creek has been very disappointing this year. As you know the Primary users could have diverted the water to their use on March 15th. Only one Company did this, the others waited till after April first. By then the ground was very dry and everyone wanted the water and the water just was not there. During this morning Officials from four of the irrigating Companies complained to me that they did not think they had their share of water.

The method I use in measuring and distributing the water is by wier located at or near the diversion points. The amount going into all the canals is then totaled and if any adjustments are necessary I then go back over the diversion points again.

The water is divided according to the decree of the District Court. Under the decree The North Field Irrigation Company are entitled to 14.3 c.f.s. of first, second and third class water and 14.6 c.f.s. of A class water when there is 102 c.f.s. in the Creek. This morning there was 60 c.f.s. in the Creek. This supplied in full the first, second and third class rights and 34% of the class A rights. This would give the North Field Irrigation Company 14.3 c.f.s. of the Primary rights and 5 c.f.s. of the class A water. Making a total of 19.3 c.f.s. they were entitled to.

You mention in your letter that the water is measured in the Canyon and then 15% reduction is made. This is a misunderstanding on some-ones part as my measurements are made at or very near to the points of diversion. OK

Again I am sorry this matter was not threshed out with the complaining Official before you left Cedar City. I hope the foregoing has covered the points you desired.

Yours very truly

*J.T. Leigh*  
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Coal Creek Commissioner.