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DISTRIBUTION ORDER
MEADOWVILLE

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For sometime, the State Engineer's office has distributed the water in the Meadowville area as a part of the Upper Bear River Water Distribution System. Over the years the measuring devices which were originally installed have been removed and made inoperable. This distribution order outlines how the commissioner will regulate the system in the absence of measuring devices and according to the issues which were addressed in the January 29, 1989 letter to the water users. The River Commissioner will follow this order for the remainder of the 1989 season and the order will remain in force in succeeding water years until a superceding order is issued.

The commissioner, Dan Peart, will regulate Cooks Reservoir. The right to fill the reservoir is based on 0.5 cfs from Little Cheney Spring Stream, not North Creek. The commissioner will monitor flows from North Creek, going into the reservoir. The State Engineer does not believe that these waters can be stored. Therefore, this water will need to pass through the reservoir or bypass the reservoir. The commissioner will drive a stake in the bank of the reservoir weekly or measure down the bank from a fixed point each week to establish the reservoir elevation and ensure that the amount of stored water is not increased through the irrigation season.

The commissioner will monitor the flow of North Creek weekly. When the flow exceeds 2.5 cfs the commissioner will ensure that water is taken to the old Farrell Johnson property under claims 23-825 and 23-1300. When the flow is less than 2.5 cfs, or on July 1, the water will be split between Cooks, Cook Ranch, and Del Cook, equally.

At the Meadowville Ditch diversion, rights may be taken on May 1st and not before. Any dam installed on Meadowville Creek before that date will be removed by the commissioner. After that date, the historic schedule gives water in turn to:

Joseph R. Weston	216 hours
J.N. Cook	216 hours
Stanley Mattson	63 hours
Harold Johnson	73 hours
Farrell Johnson	88 hours
Olie Mattson	16 hours

This water may be left in the stream and diverted by users below the Meadowville Ditch diversion. However, without measuring devices on Lower Meadowville Creek, the distribution of water which passes the Meadowville Ditch diversion is extremely difficult. Therefore, to allow a reasonable distribution, all water which passes the Meadowville Ditch diversion will be split according to the 40th rights on Lower Meadowville Creek until individual users install measuring devices.

The commissioner will visit Lower Meadowville Creek one time each week and make, to the best of his ability, a distribution of the available flow to the fields requested by the users. Any dams in this part of the system will be set by the commissioner only. Dams which he does not set will be removed by him and the diversion tagged. The water in Lower Meadowville Creek will be split $\frac{7}{40}$ to the ^{J.R. Weston} Sacred Ditch and $\frac{33}{40}$ to the Willis Ditch. The water in the Willis Ditch will be divided at the Old Willow Split: $\frac{15}{40}$ going to the east and $\frac{18}{40}$ going to the southwest. Again, if other distribution than this is requested of the commissioner, he will determine if the water supply will allow the split and set the appropriate diversion if necessary.

The measurement to put the water on time occurs on May 18. The combined flows of Jebo Creek and Tuft Creek will be measured at the head of Tuft Creek Ditch as stated in the decree and re-stated in the proposed determination.

The duties outlined in this order represent an increase in the commissioners workload in the Meadowville area. A corresponding increase in the assessments for the water users in Meadowville will probably be levied at the next annual distribution meeting.

Any questions with regard to this distribution order should be directed to me at 538-7380 or Robert Fotheringham at 752-8755. Measurements will be made by current meter until such time as all devices to measure can be re-installed.

Respectfully,



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