

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT  
FOR  
WILLOW CREEK

*Lincoln County*

By Fred Turner  
August 26, 1937

1 - Was recommended for appointment as Water Commissioner by majority of water users by signed petition and contracted to start work June 20th, 1937, for a two-month period ending August 20th, 1937.

2 - Started regulating water June 21st; found all ditches and majority of weirs in order.

3 - Nancy S. Teague using approximately .30 sec. ft. of water (estimated). First year's use - no weir installed.

Alva L. Hatch - soaked up; not irrigating.

Pauline T. Hazelbush - using 1.50 sec. ft. (measured).

Loretta T. Tracy - using 1.37 sec. ft. (measured).

Riley Flynn - dam out; not irrigating.

A. L. Johnson - using .64 sec. ft. (measured).

Alva L. Hatch (Leroy Hatch new owner) - .71 sec. ft. (measured).

R. S. Squier - .90 sec. ft. (measured).

Earl Leech - .30 sec. ft. (measured).

James H. Luster - 1.50 sec. ft. (measured),  
adjusted to 1.63 sec. ft.

Harry A. Brown - .50 sec. ft. (measured).

L. E. Thorne et al - 4.80 (estimated).

Didn't measure as I could see by previous experience it was much short of filing and weir board being large it is hard for one man to handle.

C. A. & Marvin Broome - 3.60 sec. ft. (measured).

Winnona Bartholomew - approximately 1.50 sec. ft. Weir out; repaired some and adjusted to .46 sec. ft.

E. S. Birchell - using .42 sec. ft. (measured).

Stewart and Sands - did not measure them as they are on extreme lower end with junior filings and seldom get any water except flood waters.

4 - Due to the fact that it is approximately 50 miles by road and trail with unfavorable roads and trails, it is difficult to keep properly adjusted as it takes from 3 to 5 days to make a round trip.

Water held fairly steady until June 30 when I had to cut all filings behind the L. M. Thorne et al filing. Then on July 12 there came a large flood which destroyed the majority of the dams and ditches, whereupon I resigned as there was no further use for a Water Commissioner.

5 - Water users have separate dams and ditches furnished with headgates and weirs. There is no

canal for distribution - just the natural course  
of the creek.

6 - On filings that have not made final proof,  
I estimated their acreage and allowed water accord-  
ingly. I estimated as follows:

Nancy Teague - 20 acres  
Alva Hatch - 20 acres  
Riley Flynn - 16 acres  
R. S. Squier - 20 acres

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Turner,  
Water Commissioner

FT:ff

Ouray, Utah  
December 12, 1937

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

Dear Sir:

REL: HILL CREEK

I am enclosing herewith a record of the days for which I was requested to tend to the water of the Hill creek district. At the time I was appointed Water Commissioner it was understood that I was to tend to the water only upon request; therefore, my reports may seem quite incomplete to you. As I have no way of having my reports typed or mimeographed, I would appreciate some advice as to what to do in this case. There is much of the "Suggested Outline" that I am unable to answer. I do not know the exact date of the meeting called when I was appointed Commissioner, however, it was the fore part of March.

The water users committee of the Hill creek district consisted of: Gilbert and Leo Wilds, Austin Wardle, M. A. Taylor; all from Ouray, Utah.

Bown Livestock Company represented by: Reed Hamilton, A. M. Myrup, Albert Blank, Chas. Brown and E. S. Birchell; all from Ouray, Utah.

General description of boundary lines of the distribution system:

- (a) Hill creek.
- (b) Hill creek heads in Grand County in the Book Cliff mountains and runs through part of Uintah County, empties into Willow creek.
- (c)
- (d)
- (e) Fair climate conditions for growing crops. Date of the first killing frost - October 9. Length of irrigation season - from April 1 to September 30. Crops grown - hay and grain. Fairly good season for the irrigation season.
- (f)
- (g)
- (h) Decreed rights
- (i)
- (j) I had no trouble with the water users in this district.

Measuring devices used: weirs.

Started riding June 12, 1937.

June 12, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1901  
Diverted 1 sec. ft.

June 12, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decrees Nos. 2, 9, & 10 - Priority 1901, 1910, 1910  
Decree No. 11 - Priority 3-14-1911  
Diverted 4.5 sec. ft.

June 12, 1937

Albert Blank

Decree No. 8A - Priority 7-5-1910  
Diverted 1.50 sec. ft.

Total sec. ft. in creek..... 7 sec. ft.

June 14, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1910  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

June 14, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decrees Nos. 2, 9, 10 - Priority 1901, 1910, 1910  
Decree No. 11 - Priority 3-14-1911  
Diverted 4.50 sec. ft.

June 14, 1937

Albert Blank

Decree No. 8A - Priority 7-5-1910  
Diverting 1.50 sec. ft.

Total sec. ft. in creek ..... 7 sec. ft.

June 15, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decrees Nos. 2, 9, 10 - Priority 1901, 1910, 1910  
Decree No. 11 - Priority 3-14-1911  
Diverting 4.50 sec. ft.

June 15, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

June 15, 1937

Albert Blank

Decree No. 8A - Priority 7-5-1910  
Diverting 1.50 sec. ft.

Total sec. ft. in creek..... 7 sec. ft.

June 20, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

June 20, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decree No. 2 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft. - Alger ranch.  
Decrees Nos. 9 & 10 - Priority 7-5-1910, 7-5-1910  
Diverting 1.50 sec. ft. - Lower ranch

June 20, 1937

Albert Blank

Decree No. 8A - Priority 7-5-1910  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

Total in creek June 20, 1937..... 4.50 sec. ft.

June 25, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1910  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

June 25, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decree No. 2 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft. - Alger ranch.  
Decrees Nos. 9 & 10 - Priority 7-5-1910  
Diverting 1 sec. ft. - Lower ranch.

June 25, 1937

Albert Blank

Decree No. 8A - Priority 7-5-1910  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

June 25, 1937

Total sec. ft. in Hill creek..... 4 sec. ft.

June 29, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

June 29, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decrees Nos. 2, 9, 10 - Priority 1901, 1910, 1910  
Diverting 2 sec. ft.

June 29, 1937

Albert Blank

Decree No. 8A - Priority 1910  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

June 29, 1937

Total amount of water in Hill creek..... 4 sec. ft.

July

Between the first and twenty-second of July it was unnecessary to tend to water as there was a flood nearly every day.

July 22, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

July 22, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decrees Nos. 2 & 9 - Priority 1901, 1910  
Diverting 2 sec. ft.

July 22, 1937

Albert Blank

Decree No. 8A - Priority 1910  
Diverting 0.5 sec. ft.

July 22, 1937

Total water in Hill creek..... 3.5 sec. ft.

July 28, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

July 28, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decrees Nos. 2, 9 & 10 - Priority 1901, 1910, 1910  
Diverting 3 sec. ft.

July 28, 1937

Albert Blank

Decree No. 8A - Priority 1910  
Diverting 0.5 sec. ft.

July 28, 1937

Total water in Hill creek.....4.5 sec. ft.

August 6, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

Total in creek at Bown Livestock Company's point of diversion  
1.0 sec. ft.

August 14, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

August 14, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decrees Nos. 2, 9, 10 - Priority 1901, 1910, 1910  
Diverting 3 sec. ft.

August 14, 1937

Albert Blank

Decree No. 8A - Priority 1910  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

August 14, 1937

Total water in Hill creek ..... 5 sec. ft.

August 30, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

August 30, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decrees Nos. 2, 9 - Priority 1901, 1910  
Diverting 2 sec. ft.

Total in creek ? sec. ft.

August 31, 1937

Bown Livestock Company

Decree No. 1 - Priority 1901  
Diverting 1 sec. ft.

August 31, 1937

A. M. Myrup

Decrees Nos. 2, 9 - Priority 1901 1910  
Diverting 2 sec. ft.

Total in creek..... 3 sec. ft.

If there is any other information I can give you, please notify  
me.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Acel Rowley  
Water Commissioner  
Hill Creek District

# STATE OF UTAH

## OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER

Daily Discharge in Second Feet of \_\_\_\_\_ Water \_\_\_\_\_

at Hill Creek District for Season \_\_\_\_\_ 1937

Day						June	July	Aug.	Sept.			
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29						4	4.50					
30								3				
31								3				
Mean Sec. Ft.												
Total Ac. Ft.												

**TOTAL FOR \_\_\_\_\_ ACRE FEET**