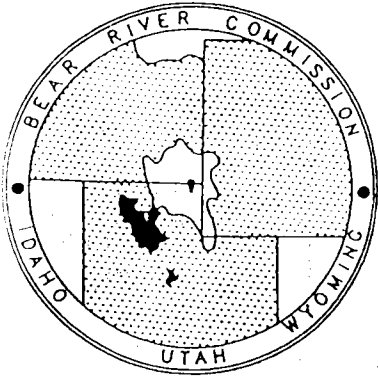


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MEMORANDUM BR01-30

TO: Operations Committee

FROM: Jack A. Barnett, Engineer-Manager

SUBJECT: ANTICIPATED REGULATION IN CENTRAL DIVISION

DATE: April 30, 2001

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Today we received a call from Pete Peterson, Idaho's river commissioner in the Central Division, regarding river regulation in the Central Division. Pete indicated that last week PacifiCorp showed that there was approximately 200 cfs in the Rainbow Canal. This past weekend West Fork Canal dry dammed the Bear River at Stewart (except for a minor amount of leakage) and found that it was only able to divert 90 cfs. Pete indicated that PacifiCorp is going to measure the leakage past West Fork's diversion dam into the Rainbow Canal with a desire to use this as the Rainbow Inlet Canal flow. Pete was requesting, on behalf of the State of Idaho, that the Commission receive call-ins from Idaho and Wyoming to determine whether a water emergency exists and if regulation is warranted. We have reviewed the Border gage values and find the flow to have been less than 200 second-feet for more than a week and, hence, we anticipate, as Pete suspected, that the conditions for a water emergency will exist and that there will be a need for interstate regulation.

We have requested that the river commissioners provide us with their diversion data by Friday morning (May 4, 2001), with the anticipation that we will then on Friday call out to the state river commissioners the Compact allocation amounts. We will keep the Operations Committee apprised of regulation as the season progresses. However, should you have any questions at all regarding regulation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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cc: TAC Members
Central Division River Commissioners