

Copy of Order as held by County Clerk, Teton County, Earl Floyd.

STATE OF IDAHO
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Irrigation Water District No.36-C

COUNTIES:

Fremont
Teton

WEST RANGE	: TPS. :		EAST RANGE		
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STREAMS:

Teton River
Teton River (North Fork)
Badger Creek
Leigh Creek
South Leigh Creek
Teton Creek
Garby Creek

Fox Creek
Trail Creek
Twin Creek
Horseshoe Creek
Packsaddle Creek

and their tributaries.

Description of Boundary: (Beginning at the S. W. Cor. of 8N-44E in Fremont County: running thence S. on the range line to the S. boundary of Teton County; thence meandering easterly along the E. county line between Teton County and Bonneville County to the state line between Idaho and Wyoming; thence N. on said state line to the twp. line between 7 & 8 N.; thence W. on twp. line to the place of beginning.)

Voting Place - Driggs.

I hereby certify that the above correctly described the location, water supply, and general features of Water District No.36-C of the State of Idaho.

J.H.Smith, State Engineer.

Dated and filed January 26, 1916. Signed By (Fred A. Wilkie) Deputy.

January 6, 1931

Re: DISTRICT No. 36-C

Miscellaneous

Mr. LYNN GRANDALL
Idaho Falls
I d a h o

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an order which has been entered, affecting District No. 36-C.

After carefully checking the records, I found correspondence indicating that in 1919 and 1920, application was made to create a separate district and a hearing was conducted at which evidence tended to show that diversions from the Teton River and tributaries in this territory would not materially affect the flow of Teton River in its lower reaches, due to the fact that return flow and underground storage from irrigation would compensate for diversions. It would seem, however, that the commissioner was not entirely convinced of these facts and that it was decided to create a district with the provision that at any time it became necessary to effectively enforce the provisions of the Snake River decree the waters of the upper district be regulated in the interest of the lower stream.

Mr. LYNN CRANDALL

January 8, 1931

Since 1920 the district has been operated as a separate district and on the state map on which water districts are divided, this district is indicated as a separate and distinct district; however, no formal order can be located in the files by which the said district was created.

After going over all of the files, it was determined in the interest of the record that a formal order should be entered which would put into effect the system of operation which has been in effect since 1920.

The provision at the end of this order that the watermaster of District No. 36 may assume jurisdiction at any time it may be deemed necessary to make effective the provisions of the Snake River decree, I think, will give sufficient safeguard to satisfy all concerned.

I hope it will not be necessary to make regulations for this district in the interest of the lower river as serious damage would result to the upper users and very little benefit would inure to the lower users.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Commissioner
of Reclamation

O R D E R

Re: WATER DISTRICT No: 36-C
Teton River

WHEREAS, It appears from the record that during the irrigation seasons of 1919 and 1920, application was made and hearings were conducted relative to the advisability of creating a water district comprising the area served by the UPPER TETON RIVER in Teton and Fremont Counties; and,

WHEREAS, It appears that favorable action was taken on such application and that the waters of the said Teton River have been administered as a separate district, known as 36-C, since the irrigation season of 1920 to date; and,

WHEREAS, It appears that if a formal order, creating the said District No. 36-C was ever entered, the same has been lost or misplaced and is not now of record in this office;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That this instrument shall have the effect of perpetuating the original order, if such was ever entered, or, if such order was never entered, this order shall have the effect of creating the said District No. 36-C, comprising the following described area:

Commencing at the initial point on Teton River where it crosses the west boundary line of:

Township 7 North, Range 44 East of the Boise Meridian
thence north along the said boundary line to the northwest corner of said township and range, thence in an easterly direction along the divide between the tributaries of Teton River and the tributaries of Fall River to the Wyoming-Idaho state line, thence south along the said Idaho-Wyoming state line to the divide between the tributaries between the said Teton River and the South Fork of Snake River, thence in a northwesterly direction along the said divide to the southwest corner of:

Township 4 North, Range 44 East of the Boise Meridian
thence north along the range line between 43 and 44 east to the point of beginning; the said area embraces the watershed of the Teton River and tributaries above the initial point hereinbefore described.

The creation of this district is made subject to the following provisions: That at any time it becomes necessary to effectively

enforce the provisions of that certain decree entered in the
case of:

REXBURG IRRIGATION Co., et al. -vs- TETON IRRIGATION CA-
NAL Co., et al.

in the 6th Judicial District of the State of Idaho, the water
master of Water District No. 36 may assume jurisdiction of said
District No. 36-C for the purpose of distributing the waters
of the said district in accordance with the terms of the said
decree.



Commissioner of Reclamation

Boise-Idaho
January 2, 1931

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Moran, Wyo., Jan. 31, 31.

Mr. A. B. Darlington,
Project Supt.,
Burley, Ida.

Dear Mr. Darlington:

Have completed snow survey on the Jackson Lake water shed. Prevailing conditions indicate the lightest depths on record during the past twelve years that we have carried on this work.

The snow is loose due to absence of wind and its density of 20.4% is the lightest ever recorded. Our general average for this time of year for the past twelve years is 46" snow, 11.7" water, density 25%. In comparison with this year we can use this as a criterion in forecasting future snow conditions.

The following data was obtained on trip

Jan. 14th to 30th.

Station.	Snow depth.	Water content.
Moran	14"	8.5"
Moran Canyon	30	6.0
Arizona Station	26	5.0
Huckle-berry divide	24	5.0
Snake River Station	23	4.5
Four mile post	23	6.0
Lewis Lake divide	30	6.5
Astor Creek	25	5.5
Colter & Snake	24	5.0
Glade Creek meadows	26	5.0
Grassy Lake divide	42	3.0

Mean depth -----27"

Mean water content.-----5.5"

Density -----20.4%

Sincerely yours,
Joseph Merriam
Res. Supt."

Burley, Idaho,
January 26, 1931.

Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado;
Minidoka Irrigation District, Rupert, Idaho;
North Side Canal Co., Jerome, Idaho;
Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Co., Aberdeen, Idaho;
Mr. Lynn Crennell, Idaho Falls, Idaho;
Mr. Jos. Markham, Moran, Wyoming;
University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho;
Twin Falls Canal Co., Twin Falls, Idaho;
Mr. W. M. McConnell, Milner, Idaho;
Idaho Power Company, Boise, Idaho;
Mr. S. H. McAllister, Idaho Power Co., American Falls, Idaho;
Commissioner of Reclamation, State House, Boise, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

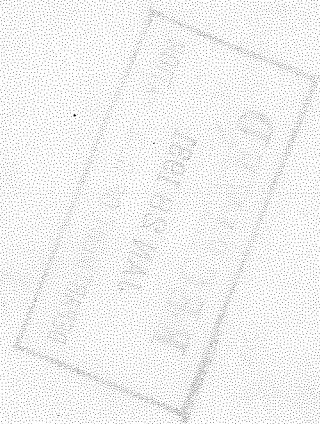
The attached report has been received from
Jos. Markham, reservoir superintendent at Jackson Lake
reservoir, regarding snow conditions on the Jackson Lake
drainage area.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Darlington,
Superintendent.

by Dana Templin

Encl.



February, 19, 31.

Mr. S. B. Darlington,
Project Supt.,
Burley, Ida.

Dear Mr. Darlington:

Have completed snow survey on the Jackson Lake water shed. The snow depth and water content are the lowest ever recorded for this time of year. The snow is loose and the ground is only about 25% saturated.

In comparison with last year we are 14" short on snow and 6.6" short on water. Our normal snow depth for this time of year is 60" with a water content of 17.4", density 30%. This years depth is 33", water content 6.9", density 21%.

The following data was taken on trip Feb 13th to 18th.

Station	Snow depth	Water content
Moran	16"	4.0"
Moran Canyon	30	6.5
Arizona Station	28	5.5
Huckle-berry divide	28	6.0
Snake River station	29	5.0
Four mile post	40	7.5
Lewis Lake divide	42	8.5
Aster Creek	40	8.0
Coulter & Snake	28	6.0
Glade Creek meadows	34	6.5
Grassy Lake divide	50	12.0
Mean depth	33"	
	Mean water content	6.9"
	Density	21%

Sincerely yours,
Joseph I Markham
Res. Supt.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Burley, Idaho,
February 21, 1931.

Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado;
Minidoka Irrigation District, Rupert, Idaho;
North Side Canal Co., Jerome, Idaho;
Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Co., Aberdeen, Idaho;
Mr. Lynn Grandall, Idaho Falls, Idaho;
Mr. Jos. Markham, Moran, Wyoming;
University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho;
Twin Falls Canal Co., Twin Falls, Idaho;
Mr. W. M. McConnell, Milner, Idaho;
Idaho Power Company, Boise, Idaho;
Mr. S. H. McAllister, Idaho Power Co., American Falls, Idaho;
Commissioner of Reclamation, State House, Boise, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

The report hereto attached has been received from
Jos. Markham, reservoir superintendent at Jackson Lake
Reservoir, regarding snow conditions on the Jackson Lake
drainage area.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Darlington
E. B. Darlington,
Superintendent.

Encl.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Moran, Wyo, March 19, 31.

Mr. E. B. Darlington,
Project Supt.,
Burley, Ida.

Dear Mr. Darlington;

Have completed snow survey on the Jackson Lake water shed. The snow has started to crust and due to mild weather and wet storms during the past ten days the water content has been materially increased.

The following data was taken on trip March 13th to 18th.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Snow depth</u>	<u>Water content</u>
Moran	16"	5.0"
Moran Canyon	32	7.5
Arizona Station	27	6.5
Huckle-berry divide	31	8.0
Snake River Station	31	7.0
Four mile post	48	12.0
Lewis Lake Divide	53	13.0
Aster Creek	48	12.0
Coulter & Snake	36	8.0
Glade Creek meadows	33	8.5
Grassy Lake divide	54	15.0

Mean depth -----38"

Mean water content -----9.3"

Sincerely yours,
Joseph Markham
Res. Supt.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Burley, Idaho,
March 24, 1931.

Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado;
Minidoka Irrigation District, Rupert, Idaho;
North Side Canal Co., Jerome, Idaho;
Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Co., Aberdeen, Idaho;
Mr. Lynn Crandall, Idaho Falls, Idaho;
Mr. Jos. Markham, Moran, Wyoming;
University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho;
Twin Falls Canal Co., Twin Falls, Idaho;
Mr. W. M. McConnell, Milner, Idaho;
Idaho Power Company, Boise, Idaho;
Mr. S. H. McAllister, Idaho Power Co., American Falls, Idaho;
Commissioner of Reclamation, State House, Boise, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is copy of a report on snow conditions on the Jackson Lake watershed made by Joseph Markham, reservoir superintendent, under date of March 20, 1931.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Darlington
E. B. Darlington,
superintendent.

Encl.

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HUGH H. RANKIN, Prop.

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ASHTON, IDAHO,

May 12 1931

Hon. C. Ben Ross,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Governor: We are
writing you regarding
the water question as
affecting the upper valley.
There were three canals
cut out this morning and
the question of storage
is of vital importance. May
we suggest to you that
you send your Mr Ferris
Commissioner of Reclamation
here at once and we
will go over the matter

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feelly with him we
have much data and
I am sure you will
be doing the state a
service and am sure
this will prove the Post
of wisdom in doing
this you could then
give out an interview
regarding the matter
a committee was appointed
earlier in the year at
a mass meeting of landowners
and water users. for certain
political reasons, no action
has been taken to date,

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Governor we hope you
since the full importance
of this question, particularly
political, as it involves
the entire upper Snake
River Valley

Yours always.
Joseph Anderson
Hugh H. Rankin.

P.S.

Please advise at once

May 16, 1931

Mr. Hugh H. Rankin
Ashton, Idaho

Dear Mr. Rankin:

This will advise that I am this day forwarding your letter to Mr. Paris, the Commissioner of Reclamation, in the hope that some immediate action can be given your request, as the Governor is now confined in the hospital where he will be for some time.

Trusting all is well with you and assuring you this office will be glad to cooperate in any way possible, I am

Yours very truly,

Parker P. Carver
Sec'y to Governor

PPC:PR

District No. 36-C

May 18, 1931

MR. HUGH H. RANKIN,
Ashton,
Idaho

My dear Mr. Rankin:

Your letter dated May 13th addressed to Governor Ross, has been referred to this office for reply.

I have an appointment at Blackfoot on the 27th inst., and will arrange to visit you either just before or after that date. In the meantime, kindly advise as to what matters you have in mind for consideration so that we may examine the records of this office pertaining thereto and be in a position to discuss such matters intelligently.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

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ASHTON, IDAHO, May 21, 1931

My Robt Ferris
Commissioner:
Boise, Ida.

My Dear Ferris: we have
all the data and Etc.
reasoning for you come
as early as possible wise
when you will be
here this is important.

Yours truly,
Hugh H Rankin

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COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

July 2, 1931

R. G. MEIKLE
Tetonia
Idaho

LYNN GRANDALL WATERMASTER DISTRICT THIRTY-SIX WILL BE IN TETONIA TOMORROW
MORNING AWAIT HIS ARRIVAL AND PLACE YOURSELF UNDER HIS ORDERS IN REGARD
TO DISTRIBUTION OF WATER.

HANS H. COFFIN
Acting Assistant Commissioner of Reclamation

CHARGE:
Dept. of Reclamation
State House

(Letterhead)

STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
BOISE

July 3, 1931

Mr. R. W. Faris
Commissioner of Reclamation
State House

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of June 4th in which you request an opinion regarding priority to the use of stored waters substituted or exchanged for an equal amount of water diverted from a stream or river into which such water flows, or any tributary thereof.

If I understand the facts upon which the question herein is based, correctly, they are as follows:

The ENTERPRISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT is supplied by a canal which diverts from FALL RIVER with a late natural flow right, Fall River being a tributary of Henry Fork, which in turn is a tributary of SNAKE RIVER.

For about four years, the ENTERPRISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT has had, and now has, a contract with the United States to purchase the stored waters from the AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR. The District also has a lease for such waters. The stored waters, so contracted, are taken from JACKSON LAKE and the appropriators of the natural flow of the waters of Fall River are so situated that they can use such stored waters. The Enterprise Irrigation District is situated above such stored waters and cannot use same, but is so situated that it can use the natural flow of Fall River.

There are other canal companies using the natural flow of Fall River, which are contemplating the rental of stored waters in American Falls Reservoir, for this season, and they desire to substitute or exchange such stored waters, under a similar procedure as the Enterprise Irrigation District. The natural flow of Fall River will not be sufficient to fill all the demands for the Enterprise Irrigation District and the other canal companies desiring to make such exchange.

THIS FILE CARRIED in WATER DISTRICT No. 36 - 1931 LETTERS

You desire to know whether or not the Enterprise Irrigation District has a prior right to make such substitution or exchange.

Section 1 of Article XV of our Constitution provides that:

"The use of all waters now appropriated, or that may hereafter be appropriated for sale, rental or distribution; also of all water originally appropriated for private use, but which after such appropriation has heretofore been, or may hereafter be sold, rented, or distributed, is hereby declared to be a public use, and subject to the regulation and control of the state in the manner prescribed by law."

Section 3 of Article XV of our Constitution provides, in part, that:

"The right to divert and appropriate the unappropriated waters of any natural stream to beneficial uses, shall never be denied. Priority of appropriation shall give the better right as between those using the water; * * *."

Section 5561, C.S., provides as follows:

"As between appropriators, the first in time is first in right."

Section 5559, C.S., provides as follows:

"The appropriation must be for some useful or beneficial purpose, and when the appropriator or his successor in interest ceases to use it for such purpose, the right ceases."

Section 5560, C.S., provides as follows:

"The water appropriated may be turned into the channel of another stream and mingled with its water, and then reclaimed; and water may be turned into any ditch, natural channel or waterway from reservoirs or other sources of water supply, and such water may be substituted or exchanged for an equal amount of water diverted from the stream, creek or river into which such water flows, or any tributary thereof, but in reclaiming the water so mingled, or diverting water in lieu thereof from any such stream, creek, river or tributary, the amount of water to which prior appropriators may be entitled shall not be diminished, and due allowance shall be made for loss by evaporation and seepage."

It will be noted from the facts stated that the Enterprise Irrigation District has, for a period of four years, contracted with the United States for stored waters of the American Falls Reservoir, such right being a permanent right. It will be further noted that the other canals on Fall River have only a temporary and occasional right to the stored waters of said reservoir, the same being acquired through a contemplated lease for this season. It would therefore occur to me that the Enterprise Irrigation District desires to substitute or exchange its stored waters for each continuous season and is a permanent use, while the other canals contemplate only a temporary use, very likely during seasons of shortage of water.

From the foregoing facts, it appears that the stored waters are mingled with the natural flow waters appropriated from Fall River and may be used by the appropriators of the natural flow of Fall River, and the natural flow of Fall River may be used upon the lands within the Enterprise Irrigation District, but the district is unable to use the stored waters. By such mingling of waters, the identity thereof is lost and the appropriators of the natural flow are in no way injured by the mingling of the stored waters; in fact, they are benefited.

While I do not find any authority upon this direct question, it appears to me that the rule of "First in time, first in right" should be applied in this instance. The Enterprise Irrigation District has purchased a permanent right to the stored waters, and wish to substitute or exchange them for the natural flow of Fall River. This may be done, as provided by Section 5560, C.S.

It therefore is my opinion that the Enterprise Irrigation District, by reason of its priority of contract, has the priority of time to the substitution or exchange of such waters.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) FRED J. BABCOCK
Attorney General

July 3, 1931.

Re: District No. 36 C

Mr. R. G. Meikle
Watermaster, Dist. No. 36C
Tetonia, Idaho

Dear Sir:-

In explanation of my telegram of July 2nd -

In 1919 the water users of Teton River Basin petitioned the Commissioner of Reclamation to create a new water district comprising the upper reaches of the Teton River. A hearing was held and favorable action was taken by the Commissioner of Reclamation to create a new district to be known as District No. 36 C.

But with this proviso, "That at any time it becomes necessary to effectively enforce the provisions of that certain decree entered in the case of : "Rexburg Irrigation Co. et al., vs. Teton Irrigation Canal Co., et al.", in the 6th Judicial District of the State of Idaho, the watermaster of Water District No. 36 may assume jurisdiction of said District No. 36 C for the purpose of distributing the waters of the said district in accordance with the terms of the said decree"

Since the formation of District No. 36 C, this has been the first time that it has been found necessary to enforce the proviso. Mr. Grandall, the watermaster of District No. 36, has been duly notified by the water users of the lower stretches of the river, demanding the enforcement of this proviso, thus necessitating the order contained in yesterday's telegram.

Very truly yours,

Acting Assistant Commissioner.

Driggs, Idaho
July 7, 1931

C. M. Hatch,
Victor, Idaho

Dear Sir:

In the table below is given the information requested by you, relative to the flow of water in the streams of Teton County as measured by me in August 1919. These measurements were made from the 27th to the 30th of the month, inclusive.

<u>Creek</u>	<u>Where Measured</u>	<u>Discharge</u> <u>Sec. Ft.</u>
Spring (Trib. W. Leigh)	40 rods from junction	7.36
North Leigh	1/4 Mi. E. Idaho-Wyo. Boundary	4.53
South Leigh	1 Mi. E. Idaho-Wyo. Boundary	9.72
Teton	3 1/2 Mi. E. Idaho-Wyo. Boundary	20.51
Spring (Alta)	1/4 Mi. E. Idaho-Wyo. Boundary	2.21
Rapid	1/4 Mi. E. Idaho-Wyo. Boundary	2.43
Darby	1 1/2 Mi. E. Idaho-Wyo. Boundary	14.98
Fox	1/4 Mi. W. Idaho-Wyo. Boundary	11.12
Gase	At Highway Bridge	11.89
Trail	25 rds. below Moose Creek	56.52
Warn (Several Branches)		9.02
Campbell	Near Campbell Saw-mill	2.16
Grove	Near Kruppewelt's House	1.32
Kuns Springs	Outlet of Pond	3.47
Mahogany	At Thos.-Bates' Headgate	4.04
Horseshoe	Above Madsen's Ranch	5.11
Packsaddle	Mouth of Canyon	2.27
Badger	At Fisher's Saw-Mill	2.04
Total - - -		163.53
Teton River	50 rds. below Mouth of Badger	335.19

Yours truly,

T. Ross Wilson

MEASUREMENTS MADE BY M. LAKE & R. G. HEIKLE ON STREAMS IN
TETON BASIN, July 9, 1931.

	Sec. Ft.	Inches
North Leigh Creek	12.5	or 635
South Leigh Creek	11.2	or 560
Dry Creek (Est.)	1.0	or 50
Grand Teton Canal 15.9 plus 3 laterals	22.4	or 1121
Spring Creek (near Pratt)	5.0	or 150
Darby Creek	23.9	or 1195
Fox Creek	10.7	or 535
Gardner Creek	13.0	or 600
Trail Creek	57.1	or 2855
Badger Creek (Est.)	2.0	or 100
Small Creek (West from Victor) (Est.)	1.0	or 50
Teton River S. W. from Briggs	185	or 9200
Teton River S. W. from Tetonis	255	or 12650

Making a total of 162.8 Sec. Ft. coming into the Basin.

There is 255 Sec. Ft. coming out.

Melvin Lake
Hydrographer.

COPY

Idaho Falls, Idaho

July 24, 1931

Mr. C. H. Linsenmann,
Driggs, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Following are results of recent measurements by

Mr. Luke:

July 16, 1931,	Trail Creek above String Canal	56.6 sec. ft.
" 16, "	Trail Creek just above live water	
	near mouth	5.6 " "
" 22, "	Trail Creek just above live water	
	near mouth	10.2 " "
" 16, "	Game Creek 100 yards above highway	15.0 " "

Very truly yours,

(Signed) LYNN CRANDALL

Watermaster

*multiply by
50 to get
inches.*

C. M. HATCH
REPRESENTATIVE
TETON COUNTY

HOME ADDRESS:
VICTOR, IDAHO

COMMITTEES:

FISH AND GAME---CHAIRMAN
WATERWAYS AND DRAINAGE
BANKING

IDAHO STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FIRST SESSION
BOISE, IDAHO

Aug. 7, 1931.

Mr. R.W. Ferris,
Commissioner of Reclamation,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir;

In 1919 the water users of Teton County petitioned the Commissioner of Reclamation to create a new water district comprising the upper reaches of the Teton River. A careful survey and measurement of all the water flowing into this valley from all streams and springs was made, and a measurement of the discharge at a point 50 rods below the mouth of Badger Creek, where Teton River leaves this valley. This measurement was made by T. Ross Wilson from Aug. 27, to Aug. 30 both dates inclusive and showed a total inflow of 168.53 Sec. feet, and a discharge of 355.19 Sec. feet. Our contention was that we act as a reservoir, using the waters in early spring for irrigation and diverting it from its natural channel in winter for watering stock, and for domestic purposes, thus saving it for the users lower down on the river, making it available for irrigation when it is most needed. A hearing was held, and favorable action was taken, and Dist. 36 was created. We thought that the water independence of the valley was established, but, now we are told that there was a proviso - "that anytime it became necessary to effectively enforce the provisions of that certain decree, entered in the case of 'Rexburg Irrigation Co. et al, Vs Teton Canal Co. et al.'" the water master of Water Dist. 36 may assume jurisdiction of said Dist. 36 for the purpose of distributing the water of said district in accordance with the terms of the said decree." Acting on this proviso the users of water on the lower end of Teton River demanded the water, and it was ordered turned down the river. We protested this action and asked for further investigation and a new measurement. This measurement was made by Melvin Luke July 9, 1931, and showed a total of 162.8 Sec. feet coming into this valley, and 253 Sec. feet going out, again establishing the fact that as a result of our use of the water, we are discharging more than we have coming in. We therefore contend that we are and of right ought to be independent from the water users of District, ³⁶ or any other water district.

Conditions are so serious with us in this water matter, and we feel so strongly about it that we are now asking you to come up here some time next week and go over the problem with us. We ~~would~~ would gladly come to you at your office but we are convinced that the only way for you or anyone else to properly understand and appreciate the condition, is to see it first hand.

In the matter of the proposed reservoir in the north end of our county we would like information that we are confident you can give us.

Trusting that we will see you early next week, I am;

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Hatch.

August 10, 1931

Re: DISTRICT NO. 36-C

Hon. C. M. HATCH,
Victor,
Idaho

My dear Mr. Hatch:

I have your letter of the 7th inst. re conditions in District No. 36-C.

My present plans are to accompany the Congressional Delegation on its trip of investigation throughout Southeastern Idaho, leaving here at noon the 13th, and arriving in the upper Snake River Valley about the 15th. I will get in touch with you while in that vicinity and arrange to make an examination and inquiry into your situation.

Anticipating a pleasant visit with you and others interested in your community, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

Tetonia, Idaho

August 10th, 1931.

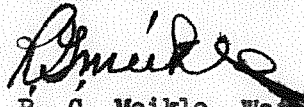
Mr. R. W. Ferris, Commissioner,
Department of Reclamation,
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. Ferris:

I just learned that you with other Reclamation officials will be in our Valley on the 15th of this month.

I am very desirous of a short conference with you while you are here if such a meeting can be arranged. There are a few matters here that, I feel, need your attention and will greatly appreciate it if you can stop over long enough to assist us.

Yours very truly,



R. G. Meikle, Watermaster 360

August 12, 1931

Re: DISTRICT NO. 36-C

Mr. R. G. MEIKLE,
Watermaster, District No. 36-C,
Tetonia, Idaho

Dear Mr. Meikle:

I have your letter of August 10th re conditions in your District. Mr. HATCH of Victor, accompanied by a delegation of citizens from that vicinity, was here last Monday with reference, I imagine, to some of the matters you have in mind.

I am leaving Boise tomorrow (Thursday), at noon, with the Congressional Delegation on its trip through southeastern Idaho, and expect to be in your section about Saturday the 15th. I have already arranged with Mr. HATCH and others to make an investigation of conditions in your section during my trip. I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. HATCH and arrange to go over the ground with us.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

August 21, 1931

Re: DISTRICT NO. 36 - C

HON. G. M. HATCH,
Victor,
I d a h o

My dear Mr. Hatch:

At the water users' meeting in St. Anthony Tuesday evening, I took up the matter of the distribution of water in TETON BASIN with the members of the Water Users' Committee for the Lower River, as promised. They evidenced a very friendly disposition toward the people of Teton Basin, but were inclined to insist upon their right to demand distribution of water under the Decree. I did not wish to argue the matter with them, for reasons discussed with you, but suggested that another conference be held between representatives of the Basin and the Lower Users in an attempt to reach an amicable arrangement, or at least a definite understanding as to the attitude of the parties, in the hope that if you could not agree, you might be able to reduce your contentions or bring them within limitations where I, as Commissioner of Reclamation, might intervene.

I advised the Committee as to the effort being made to adjust the differences as to the distribution of water from Wyoming, which seemed to interest them, and I hope may affect their attitude toward the handling of water in the Basin.

Hon. G. M. Hatch

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8-21-31

I am enclosing herewith letter from LYNN CRANDALL, Watermaster, with recent measurements made by Mr. LUKE. While in Idaho Falls I arranged with Mr. Crandall to make further measurements about the first of next month, and particularly as to the flow of TRAIL CREEK and TETON CREEK above all diversions, in view of the fact that the contention has been made that the difference between the outflow and the incoming flow of the Basin may be accounted for by underflow above the points of diversion.

I want to assure you again that I shall hold myself in readiness to cooperate with you at all times in your efforts looking toward the betterment of conditions, and trust that you may keep me fully advised as to developments.

With kindest personal regards to you all, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

Enc.

Re: DISTRICT No. 36 - C

August 21, 1931

Mr. JOSEPH T. JENSEN,
President, Water Users' Association,
Rexburg, Idaho

My dear Mr. Jensen:

At the general meeting the other evening it was a little difficult for me to understand just what your situation is, who are interested, and what your general plan of action is. To get the matter straight, and so that I may understand and work intelligently, I wish you would send me a complete set-up of your organization, just what your plans are, with any suggestions you may have as to how the Department or I, personally, might cooperate in a way that would be helpful.

With kindest personal regards to you all, and assuring you that I shall hold myself in readiness to cooperate with you in every way possible toward the furtherance of your plans and aims, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

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ASHTON, IDAHO, Aug 22 1931

Mr Robt Ferris.

Commissioner Reclamation

My Dear Mr. Ferris; I was delighted to read your interviews and am sure they have had a good effect.

I am so glad you came over as you now have a real first hand cross section of our problems as to water for this section.

I am sending you map, covering section that it would be desirable to arrange a deal with Wyo. on. I hope this can be accomplished if I can be of service

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to you in any matter in
this section call on me
I and my Brother spent
two years on the water
sheds from the south fork
to Yellowstone Park and I believe
I know them as well as
any man in the country.
May be over to Boise in
near future.
I hope you have covered
the ^{President's} Commissioner's Report,
which looks to me as the
basis to work from.

Yours very truly,

P.S. Hugh H. Rankin
Map under separate cover.

August 27, 1931

Re: DISTRICT No. 36 - C

Mr. HUGH H. RANKIN,
Ashton,
Idaho

Dear Mr. Rankin:

I have your letter of August 22nd re conditions in your country, and hope that we may be of some service in solving your various problems. I have not yet been able to locate a copy of the President's Commissioners' Report on the TETON VALLEY reservoir site. If you could get hold of one there, I would greatly appreciate it if you would send it to me, and will guarantee safe return.

With kindest personal regards to you all, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWR/mt

August 28, 1931

Re: DISTRICT No. 36-C

Hon. G. M. HATCH,
Victor,
I d a h o

Dear Mr. Hatch:

On our trip over the canals and lands on the Wyoming side of the line, something was said about a Decree of Judge Dietrich in the Federal Court some time ago covering one of these streams. I wish you would let me know the names of the parties to the suit and the name and location of the stream, so that we may look it up and see just how the matter was handled.

I would appreciate a line from you occasionally advising as to how your matters are shaping up.

With kindest regards to you all, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

C. M. HATCH
REPRESENTATIVE
TETON COUNTY

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VICTOR, IDAHO

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FIRST SESSION
BOISE, IDAHO

Sep. 9, 1931.

Mr. R. W. Faris,
Commissioner of Reclamation,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Faris;

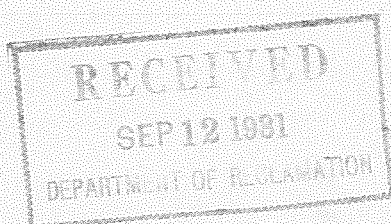
Since you were here I have been away from here most of the time. For that reason your letters of August 21 and 28 have not been answered. I called at your office last week but you were away on your vacation. Let me thank you for these letters. I surely appreciate your attitude in this water difficulty. We have held several meetings in an endeavor to find some effective, workable plan of organization. As yet we have not found one— that would bring all the water users in in an effective way, so that each would be responsible and represented in proportion to his water interests. If you can suggest a plan we will be very much pleased.

I presume the case you enquire about in your letter of the 28th, is found in Idaho Report 15-1903, 1909, pages 265 to 273.

Again thanking you for your letters, which I will present at our meeting here tomorrow night, and trusting that I may hear from you soon, and that you will have some workable plan to recommend to us, I am;

Yours very truly,

C. M. Hatch



Sugar City, Idaho
Sept. 14, 1931

Hon. R. W. Faris
Commissioner of Reclamation
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. Faris:

In re: Grand Teton Reservoir.

You will please pardon the delay in replying to your recent letter with respect to the above reservoir. The writer has been absent from home a great deal during the last two weeks, and this is the first opportunity of writing you. I am very glad to furnish you with general information regarding our reservoir project.

The Grand Teton Reservoir Company is being organized at this time. Some twenty canal companies that hold decreed water rights on the Teton River have all signed up for the organization of this company. The Application for Permit has been filed in your office, but has not been returned completed as yet. This, however, will be done in the course of the next two weeks.

There are approximately 60,000 acres of irrigated and cultivated land in the area covered by the organizers of this project. Some of these lands have been settled upon for more than 45 years and represent some of the oldest and best cultivated farming lands in the Upper Snake River Valley. It is not the intention of the promoters of the project to take on any new lands, but merely to protect the present water users by having a supply of water available when low water years come, as this past season has been.

There is probably a population of some 20,000 people in the area which this storage water will supply, and the assessed valuation is in excess of \$10,000,000. The existing canal companies are all of the mutual type, owned exclusively by the water users. The cost of maintaining is very low, and practically all of the companies are free of indebtedness. This places us in a position where we should have no trouble whatsoever in financing the construction of the reservoir.

9/14/31
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You are, of course, quite familiar with all of the Upper Snake River Valley and it is hardly necessary for me to mention that this area included under our project is in a very high state of cultivation, and that the soil is as fertile as we have in the valley. The chief crops are sugar beets, seed peas, alfalfa, potatoes, vegetables, fruit and grains. The dairying and poultry industry are making very rapid strides.

I cannot inform you definitely as to the approximate cost of the project, but it is roughly estimated that it will be somewhere in the neighborhood of from \$200,000 to \$300,000. This is but a rough guess, however. The organizers of the project are all very much united, and very excellent progress is being made. There are a few apparent obstacles that will probably have to be surmounted, but I do not think that these are of any serious consequence.

We appreciate very much the co-operation and assistance we have so far secured from your office, and we feel assured that you will continue to help us until we get the matter fully completed.

Thanking you for what you and your office have already done, and assuring you that we very much appreciate your co-operation in this matter, I am


Yours very truly,

September 16, 1931

Re: DISTRICT 36-C

Hon. C. M. HATCH,
Victor,
Idaho

My dear Mr. Hatch:

I have your letter of September 9th, received during my absence from the city, and was sorry that I was not here when you called.

I am delighted to find that the long-lost Order creating Irrigation Water District No. 36-C has come to light, but am now in doubt as to what sort of a situation we are in by reason of the order creating No. 36-C conditionally. However, we have in contemplation some radical revisions of water districts during the coming winter and before the next irrigation season, and this matter will have attention when we come to it.

I have given your situation a great deal of thought, but I am sorry to have to advise that no workable plan has suggested itself to me. I had hoped that your people and the people down the river might enter into negotiations along lines where we might be able to intervene and get you together.

I have an appointment with State Engineer WHITING, of Wyoming, on BEAR RIVER, for the 21st and 22nd, at which time I will go into the matter of the inter-State water in which you are interested, with him further, and hope to be able to consummate some sort of an agreement with reference to handling such water that will be satisfactory to all concerned. In the meantime, I hope that your negotiations and plans may progress to a point where I may be able to render you some real assistance in the solution of your problem.

With kindest personal regards to you all, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

District B6-C

September 16, 1931

Mr. J. E. JENSEN,
Sugar City,
Idaho

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th inst. re GRAND TETON
RESERVOIR, and am pleased to know that you are making progress
toward the consummation of your undertaking. You may be
assured that this Department and I, personally, are anxious to
cooperate with you at all times with reference to the matter.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

EARL FLOYD, CLERK
BOARD OF
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OFFICE OF
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
EX-OFFICIO AUDITOR AND RECORDER
TETON COUNTY
DRIGGS, IDAHO

BOARD MEMBERS--
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D. P. LETHAM
H. W. STOTT

Sept. 28, 1931

Commissioner of Reclamation,
Boise, Idaho

Attention, Mr. Coffin, Deputy:

Dear Sir:

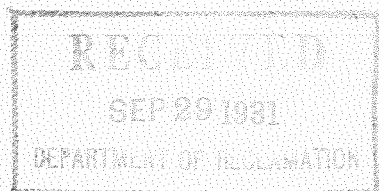
Some time ago I was in Boise and called at your office and left with you a copy of a water order, wherein #36C had been created early in the year of 1916.

If you remember, you promised to let me know just what the Commissioner's attitude was on this matter. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, advising as to whether or not the Commissioner has gone into this matter and just how he feels about it.

Very truly yours,

Earl Floyd
Auditor & Recorder.

EF:MB



(WATER ORDER RETURNED TO MR. FLOYD)

September 29, 1931

Re: WATER DISTRICT #36-C *Miss.*

Mr. EARL FLOYD,
County Auditor,
Driggs, Idaho

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 28th in re Water District 36-C, I have had another conference with Mr. WHITING, State Engineer of Wyoming, with reference to distribution and handling of inter-state water, since you were in, which I hope will result in a satisfactory agreement with reference to the matter. Pending the consummation of such an agreement, the matter of the handling of this District will be held in abeyance. The whole matter will, however, be taken care of before the next irrigation season.

Please advise interested parties accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

October 19, 1931

Re: DISTRICT NO. 36 - C

Mr. LYNN CRANDALL, Watermaster
District No. 36,
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Mr. Crandall:

When I was in Idaho Falls about the middle of August, it was agreed that you would make further water measurements in the TETON BASIN, and particularly with reference to stream flow above diversions to check overflow. I would like to have a copy of whatever measurements you have made in that connection.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Idaho Falls, Idaho
October 20, 1931

Mr. Robert W. Faris,
Commissioner of Reclamation,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 19, 1931:

Following is a list of measurements made in Teton
Basin during September:

Fox Creek, 9/12/31, Discharge 4.32. Measurement made in flume where
canal crosses road at base of mountains.

Trail Creek, 9/12/31, Discharge 36.6. Measurement made 200 feet
above diversion of String Canal.

Game Creek, 9/12/31, Discharge 8.59. Measurement made 150 feet
above where Highway crosses Game Creek.

Darbey Creek, 9/12/31, Discharge 10.2. Measurement made at diversions
of upper canals.

Grand Teton Creek, 9/12/31, Discharge 17.5. Measurement made about
150 feet above upper diversion on Creek.

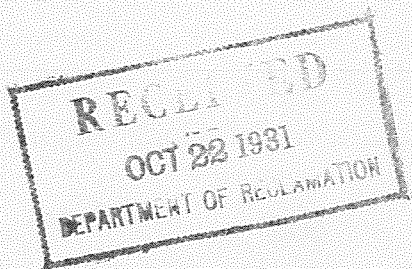
South Leigh, 9/12/31, Discharge 5.47. Measurement made 1 mile
above Wyoming line.

Trusting that the above information is what you
require, I am

Very truly yours,

W. V. Jones

Assistant Engineer.



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October 22, 1931

Re: DISTRICT NO. 36 - *c*

Mr. LYNN GRANDALL, Watermaster
District No. 36,
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Lynn:

I have your letter of October 20, 1931, by Mr. IRONS,
with list of measurements made in TETON BASIN during September,
which I assure you I appreciate.

I failed in my former letter to request measurements
of the river at the dam site. I would also like these measure-
ments at about the same time the measurements were made of the
streams entering the basin.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

36-C.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Idaho Falls, Idaho
October 23, 1931

Mr. Robert W. Faris,
Commissioner of Reclamation,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Faris:

Referring to your letter of October 22:

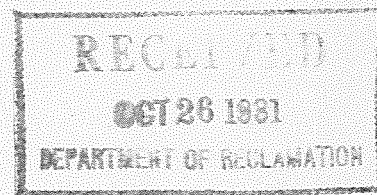
Teton River nr. Tetonia, Ida. 9/15/31 Discharge 170

We are visiting this station in the near future and if the recorder trace shows a different gage height for the period when the measurements, which were mailed you, were made, we will send you the gage height and corresponding discharges.

Very truly yours,

W. V. Larns

Assistant Engineer.



SHELBY HUGH ATCHLEY
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

OFFICE OF
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
TETON COUNTY

DRIGGS, IDAHO,

Nov. 2, 1931

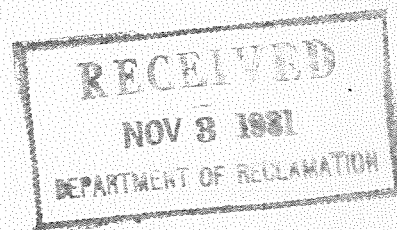
Department Of Reclamation
Boise, Idaho

Gentlemen:

Numerous inquires have come to my office relative to the proposed reservoir at Teton, Teton County, Idaho. I have no data pertaining to same. Therefore I should like to have any information from your office that you may happen to have or would be kind enough to send me in regard to this project. I need to know just how the proposed reservoir will benefit Teton County water users in order to discuss the matter with them intelligently and to be of service to them in this regard. Primarily the citizens here are interested in knowing how they will be benefited.

Yours very truly,

S. H. Atchley
S. H. Atchley



Re: DISTRICT 36-C

November 3, 1931

Mr. SHELBY H. ATCHLEY,
Prosecuting Attorney,
Driggs, Idaho

My dear Mr. Atchley:

We have your letter of November 2nd re proposed reservoir at TETONIA. Beg to advise that several filings have recently been made on what is known as the "Narrows" site at the lower end of the Basin, for permit to build a dam and store water for power and irrigation purposes.

I also understand that the parties in interest on the lower river have negotiations pending with the United States Reclamation Service for surveys to determine the feasibility and cost of utilizing this site for storage purposes.

The benefits that might accrue to land owners in the TETON BASIN from the construction of this reservoir would be that from the purchase of an interest therein the flood waters would be stored for use on the lower river, and the natural flow of the streams left available to supply the users in the Teton Basin.

Trusting that the foregoing gives you the information you desire, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

RWF/mt

November 18, 1931

DISTRICT No. 36 MISCELLANEOUS
Re: TETON RESERVOIR and

UPPER SNAKE RIVER IRRIGATION COMMITTEE
St. Anthony
I d a h o

COPY

Gentlemen:

I very much appreciate your invitation to meet with you for the discussion of problems affecting the water supply in the Upper Snake River Valley, in which we are all interested, but having been away from the office a great deal lately I find business accumulated and demanding attention to such an extent that it is impossible for me to get away at this time.

With reference to the proposed Teton Reservoir and Dam and your inquiry as to my impressions and judgment as to the feasibility and economy of construction: I visited the site last summer and so far as I was able to see, it appears a most favorable one and where construction costs would not be excessive; from experience under similar conditions I would not expect to encounter any unusual engineering or construction difficulties.

The report of JAMES G. CAMP of the U. S. Reclamation Service, dated April 19, 1905, contains the following with reference to this site:

THIS FILE CARRIED IN DISTRICT No. 36-C - MISCELLANEOUS

November 18, 1931

DISTRICT No. 36 - C
Re: TETON RESERVOIR and DAM

UPPER SNAKE RIVER IRRIGATION COMMITTEE
St. Anthony
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UPPER SNAKE RIVER IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

November 18, 1931

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In the report of the YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION covering investigations made during the year 1929 is found the following with reference to this site:

"A satisfactory substitute for the Bechler site may be had in a reservoir in the Teton River Basin, which is outside of the park boundaries and, therefore, free from the above mentioned disadvantages (that of the Bechler being in the Yellowstone National Park). There remains the question as to the feasibility of construction, amount of water available, and cost. The results of this investigation indicate, briefly, that the Teton Project involves no construction problems which can not be as readily and successfully solved as those involved in the Bechler Project; that the water supply is larger than the Bechler Project; and that the cost would be about the same."

A comparison of the estimated cost of storage water in the two sites is as follows:

UPPER SNAKE RIVER IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

November 18, 1931

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>STRUCTURE</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>COST</u>
Bechler	earth dam 60 feet	186,000 acre feet at spillway elevation	\$1,903,935.00 total cost exclusive of right-of-way or approximately \$10.23 per acre foot
Teton	storage reservoir rock-fill dam, 100 ft. high	294,000 acre feet at spillway	\$1,254,630.00 or approximately \$4.27 per acre foot

The probability of segregation of the Bechler Meadow site from the National Park seems very remote, if at all possible, and if released by the Government might revert to the State of Wyoming, in which case the situation would not be improved for the reason that Wyoming persistently refuses to grant permit for the storage or diversion of water from Wyoming for use in Idaho.

As I understand it, the field investigations and report of the Park Boundary Commission were conducted by Mr. Bock under the direction and supervision of ARTHUR E. MORGAN, member of the commission. I am quite well acquainted with Mr. Morgan, who is an outstanding member of the engineering profession of national reputation, and to whose opinion and judgment in such matters I would attach great weight. Under the circumstances it seems to me that a careful investigation should be made covering the Teton Basin site.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

November 18, 1931

You may be assured that you will have my hearty personal cooperation and that of this department in your efforts to relieve the distressing water conditions in your valley.

With kindest personal regards to you all, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Commissioner of Reclamation

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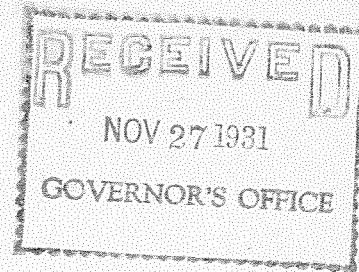
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER



Hon. C. Ben Ross, Governor,
State of Idaho,
Boise, Idaho.

NOV 23 1931

My dear Governor Ross:

1904 Your telegram of November 20th regarding the Teton basin reservoir site, to which I replied on the same day, would indicate a misconception of position of the Bureau of Reclamation in this matter. The Bureau has made no investigations of this site excepting only the original survey thereof. The Geological Survey has recently made a geological reconnaissance of the dam site and reports that the structures believed to exist there are likely to permit leakage which might prove dangerous to a dam. In order to ascertain more conclusively what the prospects of such leakage may amount to, it will be necessary to do more geological work and to supplement it by drilling and test pit exploration. Under these circumstances we are withholding judgment as to feasibility until the needed investigations have been made.

I am hopeful that a way will be found to improve the situation in the locality that can not be aided by the Jackson Lake and American Falls reservoirs.

Very truly yours,

Edward Mead
Commissioner.

STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
BOISE

November 28, 1931


Mr. R. W. Faris
Commissioner of Reclamation
State House

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find
a letter from Commissioner Mead, which we have
been looking for for some time.

I trust the same will be of
interest to you.

Yours very truly,


Parker P. Carver
Sec'y to Governor

ppc/pr

Idaho Reclamation Commissioner Gives Encouragement to Teton Reservoir Site

Mr. W. Faris, commissioner of reclamation of the state of Idaho, November 18th, wrote the following letter to the new proposed organization, Upper Snake River Irrigation District, which will be interesting reading for the water users of this portion of the valley:

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Roberts—Bids opened for construction of three-mile stretch of Idaho-Montana