



**THE STATE OF UTAH**  
**OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER**  
**SALT LAKE CITY**

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Gentlemen:

RE: APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED DURING  
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF RESTORATION  
WITHIN UINTAH BASIN

This letter will serve as notice of the action taken by the State Engineer in compliance with the requirements of Section 73-6-2 U.C.A. 1953, with regard to priorities to be assigned to applications deposited with this office during the period of publication of notice of restoration of the right of appropriation of water from streams within the Uintah Basin.

A restoration proclamation affecting all streams which drain into the Green River from the Uintah Basin including "Little Brush Creek, Brush Creek, Ashley Creek, Uintah River, Yellowstone Creek, Lake Fork Creek, Rock Creek, Duchesne River and Strawberry River" was signed by Governor George D. Clyde, November 2, 1964. This proclamation was published in the Vernal Express, Uintah Basin Standard, Wasatch Wave, Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News and Salt Lake Telegram newspapers on November 19, 26 and December 3, 1964. The effective date of the proclamation was December 7, 1964.

During the publication period, ten applications were deposited with the State Engineer's Office. The hearing required by statute prior to establishing the priorities to be assigned these applications was held at Duchesne, Utah, December 21, 1964. At the request of two of the applicants, and without objection from the others, this hearing was recessed after all those attending the Duchesne meeting who wished to be heard had made their statements and it was continued on December 22, 1964, in Salt Lake City where the applicants outlined their needs before the State Engineer and others.

In connection with the establishment of priorities, it would be well to point out that the purpose of the withdrawal of the streams indicated was "to preserve the surplus and unappropriated water of the sources.....for use by irrigation districts and organized agricultural water users, and for other uses." It has been common knowledge that the reason for this withdrawal was to allow time to develop plans for the use of part of Utah's share of the water of the Colorado River. The major proposal with regard to the streams mentioned has been referred to as the "Central Utah Project." Plans for the initial phases of this project are now becoming finalized. This has prompted the State Engineer's recommendation to the Governor that the right of appropriation be restored at this time.