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Restoration
Bear River

Mr. Joseph M. Tracy
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Dear Mr. Tracy:

This is with reference to your letter of June 9, 1955, regarding the proposed "Restoration Proclamation" for Bear River.

The Bureau of Reclamation has no objection to restoring the Bear River to appropriation. We wish to point out, however, that there are development possibilities on the river system for which water rights have not been acquired nor can logically be acquired if the river is restored at the present time. We strongly urge, therefore, that if the "Restoration Proclamation" is issued, the State take whatever precautions are necessary to prevent applications of a speculative nature that would stand in the way of future project developments.

Very truly yours,

E O Larson

E. O. Larson
Regional Director

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