

June 9, 1950

Honorable J. Bracken Lee
Governor of the State of Utah
B u i l d i n g

Dear Governor Lee:

RE: PROCLAMATION - BEAR RIVER

By Proclamation dated November 9, 1938, the then Governor of the State of Utah temporarily suspended the right of the public to appropriate the surplus water from the Bear River and various tributaries thereof in the Counties of Rich, Summit, Cache and Box Elder and since that time the State Engineer has not recognized applications for appropriations of water from these sources.

In a communication to this office dated May 25, 1950, the Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation advised that several communities in the area are desirous of appropriating small quantities of water from the Bear River for municipal, domestic, culinary and stock watering purposes. The Director stated that the Bureau of Reclamation has no objection to a partial restoration of the right to appropriate water from such sources for these limited purposes. Members of my staff have investigated the situation and I am convinced that it is to the advantage of the people in such communities to be permitted use of this water.

I enclose herewith a proposed form of Proclamation which may be considered by Your Excellency for the purpose of restoring to the public the right to appropriate limited quantities of water for municipal, domestic and stock watering use in conformity with the procedure outlined by Section 100-8-2, Utah Code Annotated 1943.

I recommend that Your Excellency put the Proclamation into effect.

Sincerely,

Harold A. Linke
STATE ENGINEER

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Encl: Proclamation