

A PETITION TO THE HON. GOV. HERBERT B. MAW
FROM THE WATER USERS OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY
OF IRON AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES

TO WIT: WHEREAS the Governor of a past date has issued a proclamation closing the filing on waters both beneath the surface and on the surface of the ground in this area and

WHEREAS this closing order is to remain for rather an indefinite time and

WHEREAS there is considerable surplus water that runs to waste from the mouth of Pinto Canyon in flood waters, in winter waters, and in excess flushes in the spring and

WHEREAS there is considerably more water than can be diverted from the Virgin River drainage area of the Colorado River drainage area into this, the Sevier drainage area, for use in the Escalante Valley and

WHEREAS the crops in the area burn up after the 1st to the 15th of June of each year and because of which the people suffer inestimable losses in value of crops--leaving no inducement for the young people to stay and make homes.

NOW WHEREAS for these and many other reasons we desire and pray for and have hereunto set our signatures asking for a lifting of the closing ban on this particular area so that a reservoir filing can be effected and consummated and work commenced as soon as possible for the construction of a reservoir hereinbefore mentioned to conserve and save and beneficially utilize the aforementioned waters which now go to a total loss and waste.

Respectfully submitted by the landowners in the New Castle and Beryl areas in the Escalante Valley.