



After consideration of the records, and the testimony of witnesses, it is the opinion of the State Engineer that there is unappropriated water and that neither of the protestants, James and Florence Butler, and/or their predecessors in interest ever possessed any water rights in the Kawich Valley or used the area for ranging cattle except for an occasional animal drifting into the area of its own volition. It is the further opinion of the State Engineer that the granting of permits under the above listed applications would not infringe upon any water or range right either claimed or possessed by James & Florence Butler.

RULING

The protests of James and Florence Butler to the granting of permits under applications 11606, 11625, 11626, 11660 and 11669 are hereby overruled.

A permit will be granted to Floyd R. and Carlton P. Lamb for each application upon receipt of the statutory fee for issuing permits.

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ALFRED MERRITT SMITH  
State Engineer

Dated this 8th day of August, 1947