

Memorandum

To : ~~Captain Glenn Whitesell~~

Date : October 9, 1962

Insp. Hooker

From : **Department of Fish and Game**
Fish and Game Patrol Inspector

Subject: Streamflow Control - Wrights Lake Area

*(Francis Emory Broller
former Pres. Mt. Ralston Club)*

A telephone complaint from a Mr. Broller (office phone: GI 3-5715) of Sacramento, was received today relative to the lack of correct water releases from some streamflow maintenance dams in El Dorado County. He talked to George Warner who referred him to me.

He stated fellow homeowners at Wrights Lake informed him that there was enough water in Twin Lakes (Upper and Lower) and in Island Lake to maintain proper flows, but that the wardens had not opened the valves.

Please check with Leamon or Johnson and advise us of the situation so I may give Mr. Broller the information he has requested.



Kenneth W. Hooker
Patrol Inspector

KWH/rs

cc: George Warner

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G.W.

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S. Wrights Lake

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
INTRAOFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

Oct. 16, 1962

TO:

Insp. K. Hooker
~~Sept. Glenn Whitesell~~

*Ken -
This is The Answer re The
Attached Complaint.
J.M.W.*

FROM:

Warden E A Johnson

SUBJECT:

Streamflow Control - Wrights Lake Area

I was last in to Lower & Upper Twin and Island Lakes on July 27, 62 - I had a flow of 5.00 CFS . The Gate Valve Stem is bent and will open only four turns which has been this way since the Big Storm in 55 on Lower Twin Lake - However Four turns is about .50 to .60 CFS when lake is full. This is the amount that our book calls for this lake. With no rain in the Mountains this lake would be empty by Sept. 15 counting the Storage from Upper Twin and Island Lake - There was a good storm in the high Mts on Sept 28 .50 Rain fell and this is what brought the Twin Lakes up again.

I watch the inflow into Wrights Lake and this is how I determine when I have to go back up to Twin Lakes to make adjustments - This was inspected on Aug. 24 and October 5 where I had a flow of .50 & .25 CFS . This is the first time in the last 3 dry years that I have been able to maintain a flow into Wrights lake this late in the fall. I try to keep a good reserve in Twin Lakes in case we don't get any Rain in the months of Sept and October to maintain fish-life in the Stream below these lakes.

This is my 8 th year in regulating this Dams and this is the 1st complaint I have had in the Wrights Lake Area.

I start pulling Wrights Lake just after Labor day and the Vacationer are gone and it has about 10 inches of Storage left on October 5 at .50 CFS and I cut this to .25 CFS on this date. Wrights Lake looks a little unsightly when the shoreline is down and the Cabin Owners who stay late in the fall don't like it and probably like me to let all the water I have stored up in the higher lakes down so they have a pretty lake to look upon.

The Big Storm that arrived on Oct. 11, 12, and 13th with Snow above 6500 Ft should have all these lakes full and spilling.

*(Warner)
GW: Purpose of project to
control S.O. Silver Creek flow
below Wrights Lake
(200 Horse spawners use
this stream.) - KH*

Yours truly,
Edwin A. Johnson
Edwin A. Johnson
Fish & Game Warden
Placerville

*Whitesell said stream below Wrights Lake dries up some
years except for pot holes. KH*