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■ **WATER WARRIOR** — In one of his last actions in office, President Bush appointed a Wyoming man to head a new commission that will review western water policy and recommend ways to resolve water conflicts.

Tom Sansonetti, most recently the Interior Department's top lawyer, will serve without pay, Wyoming's congressional delegation announced yesterday.

The 22-member commission, authorized by the Omnibus Water Bill of 1992, is to spend three years reviewing federal activities in 19 western states that affect the allocation and use of water, then is to report back to Congress in November 1995.

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■ **DEVELOPMENT ON HOLD** — Dozens of developments have been proposed in an apparent attempt to sidestep new Jackson and Teton County land-use regulations, but officials may ban all construction until the land-use rules are in place.

The county planning commission has recommended a ban on subdivisions and other major projects until June 30. The Jackson Town Council is seeking a ban on construction of large buildings in commercial areas until July 31.

n Colorado Water Conservancy Dis-als said they understand the 50 cents per acre-foot surcharge will be placed on irrigators who get water from the Colorado-Big Thompson Project. But, they say, municipalities — Greeley, et. al. — as well as industry that *utilize* that water will be also be assessed a surcharge, which has not yet been set. But it reportedly will be in excess of 50 cents per acre-foot.

The charge on farmers using federal irrigation project water comes from the Clinton Administration, specifically Vice President Al Gore, who assumes any federal water project is a detriment to the environment.

The No. 2 man apparently figures that the \$10 million the surcharge will generate can be used to repair the perceived environmental damage. Those progressive thinkers in San Francisco must figure the homeless, AIDS, public safety and earthquakes are all a part of the environment.

And by the way. The House Agriculture Committee also decided to increase USDA spending by \$4.4 billion. But to do that it cut \$2.9 billion in agriculture programs and raised funding for food stamps by \$7.3 billion.

The Clinton Administration wants to take away more from producers and give more to the nonproducers. That's logical thinking.