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Mr. Karl J. Dreher
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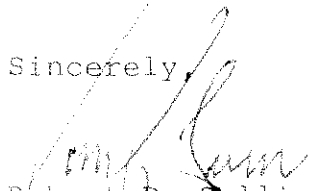
Dear Mr. Dreher,

We purchased this ranch back in 2003 with a working plan in place to turn it back into a self producing working ranch which it had been a few years before and with the water rights that came along with the purchase of the land it would be feasible to do just that. To date we have put over \$400,000 back into improvements. Our plan is to bring back into cultivation 120 acres which had been in grasses and weat before we purchased the ground. One of the main reasons we decided on this acreage was because of the 320" of water rights that were deeded with it.

We have been using the existing floom, which we have improved and maintained to bring water to the existing usable fields in preperation of cultivating. We knew the working plan was going to be tight as our allocation for Jr water rights only meant we could draw water during early Spring high water, if you succeed in takeing away any of our water rights you will virtually terminate and negate our present investment and plans of making this into a self producing ranch which will help carry the costs.

The bottom line is that there just will not be enough water to re establish and maintain the acerage we planned, let alone the original 89 original acres. Please let me know your thoughts and any recommendations you can give me on how to proceed from here in order to preserve the entire 320" of water rights.

Sincerely,


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