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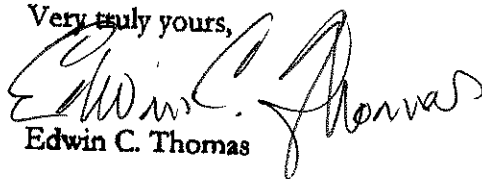
Re: Objections to Recommendation Concerning Water Right Number 73-187B

Dear Ms. Brown:

As promised, we are enclosing the executed affidavit of Dale Hansen concerning historical usage of Big Gulch waters. The remaining affidavits from Messrs. Whitworth and Martini are in process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Edwin C. Thomas

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Enclosure

AFFIDAVIT

I, Dale Hansen, make this affidavit at the request of Ed and Linda Thomas, the present owners of the Summit Ranch.

I owned the Summit Ranch from January 1, 1958 until sometime in 1965. During those years I operated the property as a cattle ranch.

Each season, I was entitled to and did use approximately 1/2 of the waters from Big Gulch Creek for the purpose of to irrigating my upper pasture and filling the Summit reservoir. My neighbor, Mr. Fife, used the other 1/2 of the Big Gulch waters to irrigate his property located several miles below the Big Gulch diversion point.

There was never a claim made nor did a circumstance occur under which I was denied my approximately 1/2 share of the waters of Big Gulch Creek.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

Dale Hansen
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Signed and Sworn to
this 2 day of October, 2006

Debra D. Reddick
Notary Public

