

August 24, 1988

Mac Murdock  
District Forest Ranger  
U.S. Forest Service  
Driggs, Ida.  
83422

Dear Mr. Murdock;

Dick Gebhard and I request approval for a 6 inch buried pipe to be extended 2000 feet from the present terminus of a 6 inch buried pipe in Pole Canyon. This request is necessary to provide irrigation water on our property at the mouth of Pole Canyon.

We presently have 1.75 CSF of water right on Pole Creek, but are unable to adequately utilize it. During this dry year the water at our present point of diversion was dry by July 10, 1988. As the owner of the largest tract of this property for 23 Years, I can verify that at least 10 of those years have been abnormally dry years and the water did not reach our property after July 10th. During normal years, the water at the point of diversion is depleted between August 1st and the 15th.

However, in my 23 years of experience with the waters of Pole Creek, I have always seen an adequate supply of water at the Forks of Pole Canyon. My finances have always restricted my applying for this change of diversion at an earlier date.

The amount of water loss in the 2800 feet of rocky stream bed between our present point of diversion and the proposed alternate point of diversion at the Forks of Pole Creek is astounding and a total waste of a very precious natural resource-water.

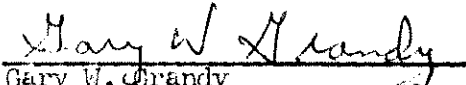
We propose to use the alternate diversion point at the Forks only when the waters at our present point of diversion are depleted. We also propose that the construction of the pipe line will be done with the least affect on the ecology of the canyon. The present buried pipe cannot be found nor can one find the line the pipe follows. We give you our assurance that this remaining 2000 feet will be done likewise.

Lastly, may we reiterate our need for this change. Our pastures are dry, the grass and brush are a fire hazard, and our grain and hay crops are extremely short. The 180 foot well at Dick's house is pumping mud.

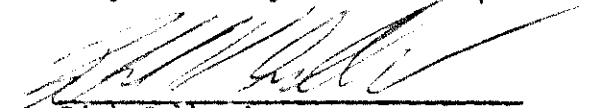
The approval of this alternate point of diversion will permanently solve an age old continuous problem of inability to properly utilize our water rights, and always running out of water before the growing season is done.

Our situation is critical and we solicit prompt attention and approval to this request so that the work can still be completed in the next 80 days. Please give us a reply to this request within 15 days. Please call us if additional information is needed. We appreciated your courteous discussion of this problem at your office today.

Sincerely,

  
Gary W. Grandy

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