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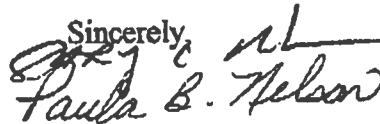
WATER RESOURCE BOARD:

In accordance with House Bill No. 263, Chapter 13 section 42-1308, we are petitioning to have a lateral or ditch manager for the Barker, Rice Lessey, and Lessey ditches in the Elba Valley.

We are on the end of the Lessey and Barker ditches. It is becoming more and more difficult to get our water to our property. The water master puts the adequate amount of water in the lateral but because of the other water users above us our decreed water doesn't reach us or is greatly diminished. There are none or few measuring devices on the ditches. Many use numerous cuts in the lateral. Pumping is taking place directly from the lateral without going through any measuring device. Rocks are being used in damming up the ditch so it will overflow in numerous places. Consequently many are taking much much more that their decreed amount.

We would petition the Water Resource Board to investigate the happenings on the ditches in the Elba Valley. We have lost one crop already this year alone. If there is anything that can be done immediately we would appreciate your quick response.

We appreciate your help on this matter. Please notify us as soon as possible as to your plan of action. This has been an ongoing problem for many years and needs to be rectified.

Sincerely,

Gary and Paula Nelson

Unreasonable people make reasonable people do unreasonable things! -Unknown-