

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 14, 2011
To: Water Right Files 63-31733 - 63-31736
From: medl
Re: office day phone call

I had a lengthy phone conversation with Mr. Thurman today. I understand that he has been in recent or continuing conflict with his neighbors over his water right diversion ditch works and his method of ditch maintenance.

Although the phone conversation began with a request for an explanation of the Basin 63 and 65 Interim Administration Hearings letter (sent Jan 11, 2011), he brought up several other water right and water distribution issues.

It was apparent that he has some long-standing, unresolved issues.

- He said that he was unwilling to sign an agreement with the USFS which was somehow related to the water right decrees and his ditches.

- He admitted that he had cut fencing wires so that he could drive his machinery along the ditch and he believes that the statutes support him.

I am not sure he understands that a water right does not authorize property damage but the statutes may support him for his maintenance. He mentioned previous conversations with Tim Luke. He requested a phone number for Tim Luke and he asked for resource materials.

I provided him with copies of the documents he mentioned.