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Dear Mr. Tuthill

We own property in Arbon Valley in Power County. Bannock Creek flows through this property which is one of the reasons that attracted us to this place in 1999.

We are concerned about the water flow dropping dramatically over the last six years. In checking out the reasons for this we found that Bannock Creek is dry from its headwaters to Johnson's artesian well, for a good share of the year particularly during the summer when wells in the upper part of the valley are being pumped.

Judy was raised in this area and lived on the headwaters of this creek during the early 60's at which time the creek always flowed under the bridge at Andersons and on down through the fields.

We also discovered to our alarm that if the artesian well at Johnson's were to be diverted that there would be almost no water in Bannock creek at all. This is a very serious problem that needs attention. We know that drying up the riparian and the wetlands are harmful not only to the environment but to the wildlife and our pastures. It also has a huge impact on property values.

Bannock Creek is not in a water District and we believe it would be beneficial for future administration to be included into an existing district.

We will appreciate you taking action on this existing problem and doing whatever is necessary to include us into a water district.

We will appreciate your help
Stuart and Judy Adams

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