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Subject: In response to a certified letter that was sent to us from the East fork Ditch Company on Aug 9, 07 of last year. My divider box was not altered at any time. When the water was turned on May 13, 2007 my divider box was ripped off, if the directors of the ditch company would have followed the water when it was turned on they would have found this problem along with many others. Additionally, my son called Ken Ward's house on May 14, 07 and told his wife what had happened; we also told Ken Ward about this at the annual ditch meeting and several other people as well.

Ken Ward and Tom Hill inspected our replacement box July 10, 07 which my son had built and installed; both men had complimented him on doing a good job. If there was a problem with the box it should have been addressed then. Dick Thompson could not have found any modifications because we were the ones that had built our divider box and had installed it ourselves. If you were to compare my box to the other 13 divider boxes on the ditch you would find my box has been maintained properly and is in excellent condition compared to the rest of the boxes. We have pictures of box 10 which is Dick Thompson's box that clearly shows where it has been altered on the top of the cross board and the lack of maintenance was evident. During our inspection of box 12 which is Ken Ward's box it had clearly revealed an advantage over the other shareholders below him because of a worn out cross board. To complicate this matter even further Ken Ward has been benefiting from breaches in the East Fork Ditch for quite some time. We had notified the East Fork Ditch Company about this problem during a special meeting on July 24, 07 which my son personally took Dick Thomson to the breaches and showed him how the water was benefiting Ken Ward. Dick Thomson's reply was that it was highly suspicious but you couldn't prove anything. It's my own understanding that if you benefit from a breach in a main ditch especially if you're a director that you're not looking out for your stockholders best interests.

Although we are one of the main share holders in the ditch, we feel our rights as a stock holder are being abused. We have made several attempts at getting the water delivered on time and the proper amount, but were told that that's not the way the company does business. We realize the ditch can only be turned on when it's accessible to do so, but in past years we have suffered crop losses because of the lack of concern by the officers and directors of the ditch company.

My son and I are not water thieves of any kind, if any one is in question of my water system come and get me and I will give you a guided tour. Here are some photos that were taken to show you some of the problems that we were talking about. The East Fork Ditch Company's threatening letter to peruse civil action only shows their lack of concern to the main stockholders and their unwillingness to work out the problems that exist.

The first picture shows where we get our spring irrigation water. Several years ago the culvert had washed out and was replaced by the one you see now. It was installed past the diversion so we are now unable to get our fair share of spring runoff. We told Ken Ward and the President of the East Fork Ditch Company about this in May of 2002; not only was the Mill Creek culvert installed incorrectly, but back then the diversion culvert was filled $\frac{3}{4}$ full with rocks. Since then every year, my son goes up to the diversion and cleans out the culvert.

Page one picture two shows photo of box one. You can see no cross board which my son notified Ken of this problem. Also, if you notice how fast the water is running it will give you an idea on how sloped the box is.

Page two is box 3: Which is our own box; the green bar you see is a piece of angle iron my son installed to hold the cross board level and to keep water from running under the board. Dick Thomson stated that we were stealing water by adjusting wing nuts on our box. The bottom bar that we used to stabilize our divider is rusted solid and cannot be tampered with. If the directors had a problem with this than they should have fixed it the way they wanted to.

Page three is box 10: This is one of our directors divider boxes Dick Thomson and shows the cross bar has been tampered with on top of the board; also it is a poorly maintained box that show's how Mr. Thompson has no concern for the other shareholder, but instead would rather pick a fight than address the issues on the ditch.

Page four is box 12: This is our other director Ken Ward which clearly shows the amount of water he receives from camp creek. Further inspection shows his cross board is tilted to his advantage and has a space of about one inch under his cross board. This results in very little water going past his box to the other stockholders.

Sincerely,

Darlin Williams
Stockholder

Spring runoff
diversion



Picture 2
Box 1



Box 2

Box 3



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