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RE: Careywood Creek Water Rights

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to lodge a strong protest against Steven Barnhart's recent request for water rights on Careywood Creek.

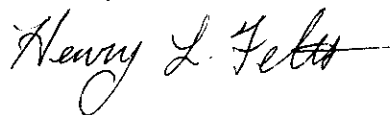
I moved here with my parents in 1948, at which time the Barnhart family owned no part of the property where he now resides. My father, Luther Felts owned 1,080 acres here and bought the first water rights at that time on the Careywood Creek, formerly named Echo Creek, from Ben Ewen. I now hold that paper which dates to 1945.

No investigation has ever been done on Careywood Creek to ascertain whether the creek could possibly supply all the water that Mr. Barnhart has requested while still allowing water for the rightful owners of water rights below him.

This water is my only source of irrigation for my field, garden and water for my livestock and I have knowledge that Careywood Creek would not supply the water that he has requested to irrigate his fields in dry weather and allow sufficient water for my needs or the needs of water rights holders below me.

I respectfully request that this protest is filed in opposition to Mr. Barnhart's request.

Sincerely,



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