

CONVERSATION MEMO

TO: Transfer 72003 – L. J. Morrison

DATE: June 21, 2005

From: Keith C. Wilson

RE: Conservation with Lynn Rasmussen, Water master WD# 13Q (Trout Creek, Middle Fork)

Lynn Rasmussen called this morning (≈ 0940 hrs) about completing the Water master Recommendation form and his signing the form. Lynn told me that he owns the property that the ditch had run through and that it had been plowed-in in about 1987, and the water rights had not been used. Lynn also said that he got married and moved to the area in 1960, and that as far as he knew the water had not been used since 1960. Lynn said that he became water master in 1990 and had never delivered the water.

L.J. Morrison called Lynn about four days ago and when Lynn told him of the possibility of forfeiture of the water rights Mr. Morrison told Lynn that the rights had been placed in the water bank & the land has been in the CRP Program. Mr. Morrison implied that Lynn had better watch what he puts on the form. Lynn was of the impression the Mr. Morrison would take him to court over his recommendation, and he did not have the resources to hire an attorney. I informed Lynn that this office wanted what information he knew or had about the delivery of these water rights, and that it was the department, not Lynn, that would require Mr. Morrison to provide documentation as to the use of these rights and the issue of forfeiture.

Lynn said that he would also try and get some affidavits from people that knew when the ditch across his property had been plowed in.

I told Lynn that I had documentation that appeared to be on the South Farm had been in CRP since 1987, but did not have anything on the North Farm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Keith C. Wilson", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Keith C. Wilson
Senior Resource Agent