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Transfer of Water Right(s)

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RECOMMENDATION OF WATERMASTER

Transfer Application No: 72003 Water Right No(s): 13-755 , 13-756 , 13-754
Transfer Applicant's Name: LJ MORRISON

Watermaster's Recommendation:

- a) ☐ I do not oppose approval of this application.
b) ☐ I do not oppose approval of this application if it is conditioned as follows:

- c) ☐ I oppose approval of this application for the following reasons:

- d) ☒ Additional Comment:

Dated this 20th day of June, 2005

Water District No: 13Q

Lynn Rasmussen
Watermaster's Signature

Lynn Rasmussen
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RE; Application for Transfer 72003
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To whom it may concern:

I have been water master on the Middle Fork Trout Creek (13 – Q) since 1990. During that time I have never been asked by Mr. Morrison or Willis Wright (owner) to deliver any Middle Fork water to them.

Through marriage I have been affiliated with this ranch since the early 1960's. My wife was born and raised on this same ranch in 1947. She says there was never a ditch carrying water through our place for the ditches in question.

However there was and still is evidence of an old ditch around a sagebrush hill that probably could have carried these rights in years gone by. (13-754 , 13-755 , 13-756. These rights were probably used but I cannot say beyond these dates, as I wasn't here. But from 1929 to the present there has been no method of delivery to them.

Willis does have a right in South Fork (13-788 , 13- 789 , 13-795). In about 1987 Willis and assignees filled in the (W. R. Wright and Bennett Ditch). He and Calvin Bennett put their water in an 8 inch pipe sponsored by the ASCS in Franklin County. This was partially paid for by the Government. This pipe was to carry their South Fork Water.

In essence I have no objection to the transfer of Middle Fork claims if I as the Water Master have a way to deliver the water by piping or pumping the water out of Trout Creek near his farm or wherever it may be.

The original owner (Mr. Willis Wright) removed the ditches through my place and his place. I am not willing to have another large ditch put through my place. It has taken nearly 20 years to pick rock etc. from the other project.

I hope this clarifies some of the concerns that this project presents. Please contact me for further understanding in this case, I would also extend an invitation to you and Mr. Morrison to see the old ditches in question for this transfer.

Sincerely,



Lynn Rasmussen

Water Master 13-Q