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**From:** Brandi Horton [watermaster67@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 5:21 PM  
**To:** Lester, Steve; Westra, John  
**Subject:** FW: East Fork Ditch Reduced Flow!

Hi Guys!

Thought I'd send along this coorespondence with the East Fork Ditch Company for your information. It's become neccessary for me to make reductions to the junior rights on the Weiser River, and the folks on the East Fork Ditch are behaving as if nothing like this has ever happened before in the whole history of the district...yeah right! Anyway, the president requested detailed information about why I've done what I've done and I sent it to him in the following email. Just thought I'd keep you in the loop....

Have a Great Day!

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P.S. It's getting to be more and more difficult to keep the senior rights going with all the fires! Midvale Hill has burned twice in two weeks and today Rush Creek/ Cow Creek area out of Cambridge is blazing! All those helicopters with buckets and hoses putting out the fires are sucking the river dry...and one guy even asked why I allow them to do that! Crazy!  Lol!

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**From:** [watermaster67@hotmail.com](mailto:watermaster67@hotmail.com)  
**To:** [ahahorse@ctcweb.net](mailto:ahahorse@ctcweb.net)  
**Subject:** RE: East Fork Ditch Reduced Flow!  
**Date:** Fri, 3 Aug 2012 18:13:25 -0500

Hi Dick,

Sorry it's taken me so long to get back to you...things are really hopping around here! The Middle Valley Ditch Corporation made the call to me for their water because the flow in the river has not met their water rights even with Lost Valley running full force. They have water rights 67-23 (1883), 67-24 (1887), and 67-25 (1889) for a combined total of 44 cfs (2200 inches) as well as 3000 shares of Lost Valley water (2000 of A & 1000 of B stock). For the last several days they've only had about 1800 inches, not nearly their allotment. I made reductions to all junior water rights on the Weiser River and East and West Forks of the Weiser. Any water right with a priority date after 1900 has been reduced. Notice I said reduced, not curtailed. I'm trying to supply enough for the deficiency to the senior rights while leaving some water for the junior rights. I have no desire to dry up anybody. This means the junior water rights will just have to get by with less, rather than my shutting them completely off. If your director has further questions please have him/her contact me directly. I'll be more than happy to answer them. As of today the Middle Valley Ditch is finally full up and I'm hoping to hold them there without further reductions to the junior water users. Pray for rain!

Have a Good One,

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> Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2012 10:21:21 -0600  
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> Subject: East Fork Ditch Reduced Flow!

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> Good morning. One of our directors who has been here a lot longer than  
> I is puzzled by your reduction in our water diversion. For us to  
> understand better what is happening, who else in the area did you  
> reduce, and who made the water call.

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> Thanks for your help.

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> Dick Thompson,  
> President  
> East Fork Ditch Company, Ltd.