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Dear Mr. Weilmunster:

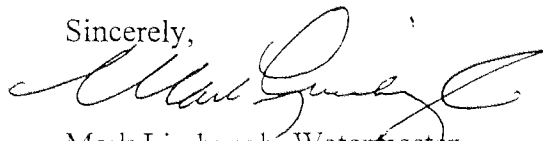
In response to your phone call last month, I have reviewed the situation with the Jackson Ditch, which delivers your water rights from Mud Creek, as well as those of Ms. Sharp and Mr. Purdom.

As I recall, after our initial on-site visit, some maintenance and repair work was to be done on the ditch by the water users before a meeting was called to install a watermaster for Mud Creek. As far as I can determine, these maintenance projects may not have been completed as planned. Improvements were to be made to the diversion structure to more efficiently divert the water rights in question, as well as the adoption of a routine maintenance program to de-moss the ditch in order to improve water delivery capacities.

At this point, my recommendation is to revisit the ditch during this irrigation season to view the repairs called for by our initial inspection, observe the condition of the ditch as to carriage capacity, and take measurements on the turnouts to ascertain the water rights being delivered. At that time, I will be able to make a clearer determination as to whether a watermaster for Mud Creek is necessary or whether a lateral manager should be appointed for the Jackson Ditch to resolve this issue.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (208) 642-4465. I will be contacting you to set up a meeting of the water users involved for my inspection sometime during July.

Sincerely,



Mark Limbaugh, Watermaster
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Cc: Mr. Kenneth Purdom
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