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We would like to bring to your attention a situation concerning our water rights. We have early rights to irrigation and stock water from Spring Creek, which is a tributary of Smith Creek in Prairie, Id. Mr. Bill Belknap is diverting water from Spring Creek to fill his fish pond. We think he should have to drain the pond because there wasn't any flood water this year. Some new people are building a house near Spring Creek and also a new pond in Spring Creek. Are people allowed to do this and can they pump water from the streams that are already decreed water rights?

Please let me know when you can meet with me and investigate this situation. We would appreciate your immediate response to this problem.

Yours truly,



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