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Mr. Robert S. Hope  
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RE: Letter dated January 14, 1994 sent to Loren Holmes.

Dear Mr. Hope:

Since I have been involved so closely in following up on the district's 1994 letter I have been directed to do the site visit to collect information about the situation you have described.

Please let me know what would be a convenient time for the two of us to go to the site. I don't know the man who know operates the property where the springs are located but I have run copies of the usages for the section and have pulled the claims for River Ridge Ranch.

The claims for A43-02557, A43-07086, and A43-07087 were filed in 1989 by Berry Anderson, the ranch manager. The -02557 usage has a place of use in section 23, 16s 24e for 108 acres in part. I assume that the springs are adjacent in section 23 although I have no particular knowledge of the desribed interference.

I will rely on you to make contact with the current tenant unless you feel otherwise. As this has gone on beyond a reasonable time without investigation I will do as you suggest regarding any aspect of the site visit.

I look forward to hearing from you. My day in the office is Tuesday but any other day is fine with me to come down.

Sincerely,

Francis G. Hitchcock  
Water Resource Agent Sr.

cc:  Jim Stanton  
 Doug Freestone, Sr.