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Southern Region

Mr. Hitchcock,

I thank you for attending our water users annual meeting and for checking on my letter to Loren Holmes. Also thank you for your letter. Enclosed is a copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. Holmes over a year ago. I guess one question still remains and that is, "was the standpipe installed legally"? The consensus of the water users is that the standpipe should be removed. I was glad to have you witness the discussion about the standpipe and ponding of water in our meeting.

Thanks again for being there.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Hope

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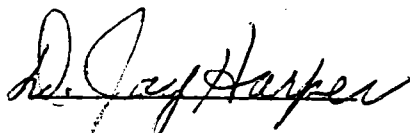
Lorin Holmes, Manager

Water users of the Upper Raft River District 43-B request assistance from your office to resolve a problem of a ranch owner who has blocked the flow of upper Raft River to establish a pond on his property. Water for the upper Raft River begins at Reed Springs located south of Almo, Idaho. The water flows about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile through ranch property to a culvert under a road and over a measuring weir. The rancher has installed a standpipe at the upper end of the culvert. Water backs up for about 300 feet to form a pond. Ranchers downstream want the water during cold weather to water their livestock but the water freezes much faster than it did before the standpipe was installed. The property around Reed Springs has been sold or leased to new people since the standpipe was installed and no-Trespassing signs have been put up. The property around Reed Springs does not have a water right from the springs. Water users downstream would like the standpipe removed or see a headgate that can be opened to drain the pond during cold weather. The standpipe was installed in 1990.


Your advice and assistance to help us in the District avoid a lawsuit and get our problem resolved will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

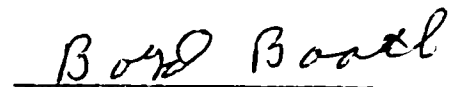
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