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Farren Johnson, Commissioner
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Dear Farren:

At the Henry's Fork annual meeting this year, a concern was expressed about the distribution of water among the water users on Bally Springs Ditch. It was reported in the meeting that there were four water users along the ditch each with an individual water right but there was not an equitable distribution of water among them.

In Utah, it is not uncommon for the water commissioner to regulate the distribution of water along a ditch if the water users along the ditch have individual water rights. In that case, the ditch is just considered an extension of the stream distribution system. If there are problems among water users along a ditch, the commissioner is authorized and it becomes part of his responsibility to regulate the water use among the users.

I know the distribution of water on Henry's Fork probably will be difficult this summer and I do not wish to add to your work load, however, I feel that we need to look into this complaint. Would you please look into the Bally Springs Ditch situation this year and let me know what the issues there are and what your recommendation would be for resolving them.

Any information you could provide would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee H. Sim'.

Lee H. Sim, P.E.

Assistant State Engineer for Distribution

cc: Bob Leake, Regional Engineer