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Dear Steve:

My letter of June 1, 2011, authorized you to control of the Rosebud gate for a short period over the last 2 weeks, this was necessitated to monitor and manage day-by-day runoff water to Lower Bowns and ensure that the Notom water rights are met. This authorization was only in effect to manage the unusually high country runoff from snowmelt and to control water during the excavator work needed at the Rosebud Diverter.

At this point in time we are turning control of the Rosebud gate back to Water Commissioner Becky Taft. Although the high country runoff may extend a few more weeks, Lower Bowns is full and rights in Notom were met up until yesterday, per a call Mike Silva received from Kay Durfey of Notom.

Per your phone conversation earlier today with Mike Silva of my office, you will remove the lock on the Rosebud gate and adjust the gate to send adequate flow to the Pleasant Creek. A subsequent phone call from you indicated this was done about noon today. The Water Commissioner will lock the gate today and assume control the gate for the remainder of the year.

The State Engineer appreciates your efforts concerning the excavator work accomplished last week, the high runoff was causing significant erosion around the diversion and measuring devices and needed to be mitigated. These improvements should allow for further sustainment of the structures and better gate control by the water commissioner henceforth.

Any concerns should be directed to Mike Silva at mikesilva@utah.gov or (801) 538-7430.

Sincerely,

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