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Dear Mr. Morgan:

This is in response to your letter of June 29, 1995 regarding concerns expressed by Linda Swapp Kollander of the BLM's stockwatering system in Sink Valley (change application 85-848).

The original measuring device (water meter) installed near the spring source did not function properly. A new meter has been installed in T. 40 S., R. 5 W., Section 7 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ . This is 1 mile south of where the vehicle trail to the spring source intersects with the Sink Valley Road. The new meter appears to be functioning properly.

While the BLM has ultimate responsibility for the system, maintenance and operation of the system has been assigned to the livestock operators, Heaton Brothers and Norman Carroll. Both operators are aware of the requirements to keep the system water tight and have been warned of the possibility of losing the right to use this water if conditions are not met. I'm sure you're aware, as with any system, malfunctions and leaks occasionally occur. Both Heaton Brothers and Mr. Carroll feel they are quite vigilant in keeping the system functioning properly and effecting repairs as quickly as possible.

One constant source of trouble has been a portable trough installed by the Heaton's in T. 40 S., R. 6 W., Section 36 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ . The in tank float valve was often dislodged by watering livestock. This trough will not be used for the remainder of this year. It will be replaced by a permanent installation with an out of tank float box before the system is used next year which should alleviate the problem. Another concern expressed by Mrs. Kollander is the end trough on Mr. Carroll's portion of the system which in the past has malfunctioned. During an inspection on July 5, 1995, this trough was functioning properly.

I hope this addresses the concerns expressed. Please contact Paul Chapman or myself if you have any questions.

Sincerely



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Kanab Area Manager

cc: Linda Kollander