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Lee Sim, P.E.  
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Re: Beaver Creek Distribution System Meeting  
February 14, 1989

Dear Lee:

I discovered this morning that I had picked up the list of persons attending the Beaver Creek System meeting and have enclosed it. I would also like to summarize, from my viewpoint, some of the discussion items from yesterday's meeting.

It would seem that the west fork has for some time been effectively "dried up" before it enters Wyoming. In addition, the irrigators in attendance yesterday have no objection to this practice. With this in mind, I am still in favor of monitoring diversions on the east, middle, and west forks for the following reasons:

*If monitoring provides information indicating diversions in priority have effectively dried up west fork, so be it.*

*If monitoring provides information indicating there has in fact been historic overdiversion on the west fork and current interests see a benefit from returning to permitted conditions, so be it.*

*If monitoring provides information indicating there has been a change in usage patterns on the west fork from those permitted, this information would aid in making the appropriate record changes, should the appropriators wish to pursue it.*

*I feel Steve Wilkinson has done a great job in improving equitable administration on the Henry's Fork, and I am strongly in support of his continuing in some capacity. At the present time, there is no chance of increasing compensation through Uinta County (Beaver Creek), and I hold little hope of that changing the next budget year. I will be contacting John Teichert, Water Division No. 4 Superintendent, and Jeff Fassett, Wyoming State Engineer, with a copy of this*

letter to see what arrangements can be made to put two administrators to work on Henry's Fork, one on Beaver Creek, and one on Burnt Fork. We currently have the flexibility of assigning Steve an assistant this spring, but compensation will have to come out of the existing budget.

I would also like copies of the minutes of the Burnt Fork and Beaver Creek meetings from 1987 to date.

Thanks for your continued cooperation and help.

Best Regards,

*Mike*

Mike Ebsen  
Hydrographer-Commissioner

Enclosure

cc: Bob Leake, P.E.  
Area Engineer, Vernal

Steve Wilkinson  
Water Commissioner - Dist. 14, McKinnon

John Teichert  
Division 4 Superintendent, Cokeville

Jeff Fassett, P.E.  
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