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November 13, 1972

Mr. Donald C. Norseth
Water Rights Division-State Engineer
Utah State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Norseth:

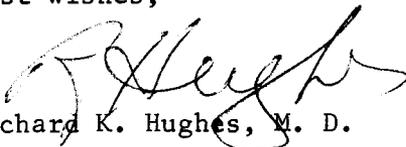
I am enclosing a letter to my neighbor, Charlie Meeks. As you can see, Charlie came in with heavy equipment on my property and really tore up a good section of that property in order to create a straight channel into his property. I felt this was extremely presumptive on his part, since he had every opportunity to notify me of his intent and did not do so. I do not plan to take legal action at this point, however, I will feel free to do this if there is any recurrence. I thought it might not be a bad idea for you to be aware of this event and my reaction.

The main reason for this letter is to gain a detailed explanation from you concerning just what my water rights are. Would you be good enough to give me an accounting of what each of the rights are for each of the following numbers? 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1310, 1318, 2543, 2544, and 2601.

Don, I am also disturbed by the fact that Burnt Fork Creek is essentially a dry creek in the fall because of the water that is pulled off into a ditch above our level. This creek could be a fishery, but currently this is impossible because of the use of this water for irrigation purposes. It does seem to me that an inordinately large amount of water is pulled from the creek and I am disturbed by this. I would like to hear your reaction to my complaint concerning the destruction of Burnt Fork Creek as a fishery because of removal of irrigation water.

Will look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,



Richard K. Hughes, M. D.

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November 10, 1972

Mr. Charles Meeks
Lone Tree
Sweetwater County,
Wyoming

Dear Mr. Meeks:

I am writing this letter to tell you how extremely disappointed I am by your recent action (September, 1972) of employing John Ylincheta and his heavy equipment, including bulldozer tractor, to scar and deface my property in and surrounding Indian Spring without my knowledge, consent or approval. I feel especially badly about this since I have tried to always inform you and to gain your approval before anything was done on my property or on the right-of-way going into my property (right-of-way has existed for over eight years) or anything that I felt would effect you in any way. Evidently you don't feel that you need to communicate or gain approval for the defacement of my property, and please let me make it very clear to you that you are never to use any equipment, hire any equipment, or in any way alter my property or water channels therein without my consent, approval and presence. I want to be a helpful neighbor, but I also want you to have a clear attitude that I will not tolerate your unauthorized trespass and defacement of my property.

Early on, after I became the owner of the Indian Spring property, I informed you that I had no intention to develop that property other than to build a personal dwelling and to let the property grow in its natural state. Knowing this, I don't see how you could have taken the liberty of bringing a bulldozer through my property, destroying the beaver dams, and leaving a crisscross mess of fallen and distorted timber. It will now be necessary for me to clean up this mess and I can assure you it will be the last time that will ever happen without the use of full legal recourse.

Finally, I would like to say that I will be a friendly and helpful neighbor

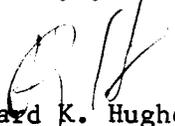
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to you always. Please do not abuse this relationship in the future. As long as you clearly understand my objectives of letting the Indian Spring property grow into its natural state, free from livestock and other damage, (such as the use of heavy equipment) then we should get along fine.

Sincerely yours,


Richard K. Hughes, M. D.

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