

January 13, 2004

*Jerry Olds*  
Robert L. Morgan  
Utah State Water Engineer  
P.O.Box 146300  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6300

RECEIVED

JAN 21 2004

WATER RIGHTS  
SALT LAKE

JS

As landowners with water rights in Argyle Canyon, we attended the water rights meeting in Price, Utah, in November, 2003. At that time we were asked to write to you concerning our comments on the water rights in Argyle Canyon.

I have spent a good share of my life in Argyle and have a fairly (VERY) good understanding of the water situation. In good water years, there used to be ample water to irrigate all of the farm ground in Argyle and Nine Mile Canyons, but I never remember when there was a large surplus. Farmers and ranchers with initiation have historically tried to get the early runoff in the spring.

At the meeting, a certain vocal "Senior Water" shareholder (his name for himself) needs to be reminded that it takes a considerable effort to grow a crop in the canyon. You can't do it without cleaning your ditches and changing the water more than once a growing season. Without doing so, a farmer can't have much success.

In closing, without going in to too much detail, I feel that all of the water in the canyon has already been allocated to legal water right holders and the State should deny all new applications for water rights in Argyle Canyon. It appears useless to apply and be granted water when there isn't enough to fulfill the present legal water rights shareholders.

If the development in Argyle Canyon continues and nothing is done to regulate the illegal tapping into of springs and stream flow, the people relying on their water for their livelihood will suffer greatly. Please don't let this happen.

Sincerely,



Jim Day  
P.O.Box 431  
Coalville, Ut 84017  
435-336-2018