

ANTLERS RANCH, INC.
PO Box 156
Cody, WY 82414

February 22, 2002

re: Antlers Ranch, Inc. - Marathon Oil Co.

Gentlemen:

I am the President of Antlers Ranch, Inc. The formation water being discharged from the treater in the Sunshine Field flows through Antlers Ranch deeded property and provides a necessary and vital part of the water supply for our ranching operation. Actually the discharged water can be diverted so that it flows either into the Gooseberry drainage or into the Wood River drainage. This water is the only live water source for our livestock and the economic viability of this portion of agricultural land is dependant upon the continued discharge of the water.

The water is also used extensively for riparian and wildlife habitat. I know that numerous species of deer, antelope and other wildlife depend upon this water to utilize this area.

Hopefully, you will continue to discharge the water as it is tremendously important to our ranch and also the wildlife using the area.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ANTLER RANCH, INC.




Michael Q. May, President

January 18, 2002

To Who It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to the water discharge that Marathon Oil Company releases into Five Mile Creek from their Circle Ridge Oil Field. I have ranched in this area for over fifty years and if it weren't for this discharged water my cattle and the wildlife in the area would have virtually no water. I appreciate the care Marathon Oil Company gives to the quality of water they release, making it drinkable for the animals. I can't say enough about how important this discharged water is to my cattle, and therefore, my livelihood, especially in drought years like the past two when all other water sources have dried up.

Thank you,


James H. Fike Jr.

March 15, 2002

Marvin Blakesley
Marathon Oil Company
1501 Stampede Avenue
Cody, Wyoming 82414

RE: Produced Water From Pitchfork Oilfield

Dear Mr. Blakesley

I am providing the following information concerning the beneficial uses of produced water from Marathon's Pitchfork Oilfield.

The produced water that is discharged from the Pitchfork Oilfield is beneficial to my ranching operation. The water flows from Marathon's facilities into Rawhide Creek, and then flows several miles before entering the Greybull River. The water is of good quality and is used by my cattle throughout most of the year. The water provides an important year round water source for several of my pastures. We also utilize the water for irrigation of our crop lands. Rawhide Creek, above the Pitchfork Field discharge, often goes dry during the summer. The produced water provides a steady flow throughout the year.

The water also provides many beneficial uses to wildlife, including deer, antelope, sage grouse, chukar, and Hungarian partridge. Some non-game species of fish and wildlife are also dependent on this discharged water.

Any loss of this water would be detrimental to my ranching operations and would create a negative environmental impact.

Sincerely,



Jack Turnell
Turnell Cattle Company

February 25, 2002

Marvin Blakesley
Marathon Oil Company
1501 Stampede Avenue
Cody, Wyoming 82414

RE: Produced Water From Gebo Oilfield

Dear Mr. Blakesley

As per our recent telephone conversation, I am providing the following information concerning the beneficial uses of produced water from Marathon's Gebo Oilfield.

The produced water that is discharged from the Gebo Oilfield is vital to my livestock operation. The water flows from Marathon's facilities into Coal Draw, and then flows several miles before entering the Big Horn River. Coal Draw is normally dry, except during heavy rains or snow melt. The produced water provides the only water flow in Coal Draw during most of the year. The water is of good quality and is used by my cattle throughout most of the year. The water is warm, thus providing an unfrozen water source during the winter months. The warm water helps my cattle maintain weight during the winter months, because they do not have to burn calories to heat the water to body temperature. If this water was not present, I would have to haul water to my livestock, at considerable cost to my ranching operations.

The water also provides many beneficial uses to wildlife, including deer, antelope, pheasant, chukar, and Hungarian partridge. Muskrats, ducks, and many non-game species of wildlife are also dependent on this discharged water.

The produced water provides a several mile long riparian zone along Coal Draw, which would not be present without the discharged water. It creates wetlands in the lower end of Coal Draw, prior to entry into the Big Horn River.

Any loss of this water would be detrimental to my ranching operations and would create a negative environmental impact.

Sincerely,


Norman Sanford
Sanford Ranches

January 8, 2002

Mr. Marvin Blakesley
Marathon Oil
1501 Stampede Ave
Cody, WY 82414

Dear Mr. Blakesley,

We've been asked to write concerning North Sunshine Field water discharge. Water discharge from North Sunshine is absolutely vital for the integrity of Kinney Creek and Gooseberry Creek.

Water discharge is important in maintaining water volume in Gooseberry Creek during years of normal precipitation and essential in maintaining creek volume in drought years. Creek volume is important for maintenance of wildlife habitat, riparian areas, irrigation flow, fire suppression, and livestock interests.

In several instances, North Sunshine water discharge is the only form of water for livestock, wildlife, and riparian area health and this is especially true in drought years. Discharged water enters Gooseberry Creek at the mouth of Kinney Creek and during the 2001 summer season Gooseberry Creek was dry above the Kinney Creek entrance.

Discharged water is essential to irrigation along Gooseberry Creek in years of normal moisture and during drought periods. Irrigation water volume on Gooseberry Creek is directly affected by water discharged from North Sunshine.

Increased water volume in Kinney Creek and Gooseberry Creek may, in the future, be beneficial in wildfire suppression.

In summary, North Sunshine water discharge is vital to the health and well being of riparian areas, wildlife habitat, and livestock interests along Kinney Creek and Gooseberry Creek.

Sincerely,



Paddy Renner
PAR Ranch

LARSEN RANCH CO.

976 Road 4DT
Meeteetse, Wyoming 82433
January 3, 2002

re: Gooseberry Creek

To Whom It May Concern:

As President of Larsen Ranch Co., I want to advise you regarding the formation water being discharged from the treater in the Sunshine Field which flows across Antlers Ranch, Inc. onto Larsen Ranch Co. property and into the drainage of Gooseberry Creek.

For our ranch, the water in discharged treater water is vitally important. It is the only live water source for livestock in our 3,000 acre pasture. The economic importance of this water source is vital. We could not use this piece of ground in the same way if the water source was eliminated. We strongly support the continued discharge being allowed.

The water is also used extensively by the wildlife. It provides important habitat for the wildlife and ultimately supplements water in Gooseberry Creek for our livestock and irrigation. The water in Gooseberry Creek is important for riparian habitat for numerous species of birds and mammals.

During the summer of 2001, Gooseberry Creek was intermittently dry. Approximately three (3) miles above the point where the treater water empties into the Creek, the Creek was totally dry. The beaver in the area had to move downstream approximately one mile below where the treater water empties into the Creek because their other dam was left dry by the drought. The beaver built a large dam in that area which is again providing important habitat for the wildlife.

During the wildfire in the summer of 2001, the beaver dam was the only place where helicopters could fill the buckets to drop on the fire.

Over the years there has been some attempts at stocking fish on Gooseberry Creek, but because of the low flow of Gooseberry Creek and the high summer temperatures, these efforts have not been successful. However, any hope of maintaining or increasing the habitat and/or fisheries is importantly dependent upon the supplement from the treater water into Gooseberry Creek.

We would be more than glad to show any interested parties the importance of this water not only to Larsen Ranch Co., but also for wildlife and other habitat in the vicinity. We support the continued use of this water for a supplemental source of water to this area.

Sincerely,
LARSEN RANCH CO.



Ralph C. Larsen, President

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January 3, 2002

Marvin Blakely
Marathon Oil Co.
1501 Stampede Ave.
Cody, WY 822414


Dear Marvin:

Our ranch is located on Five Mile Creek four miles north of Pavillion, Wyoming. We have been here since 1973 and ours is the first ranch on the Midvale Irrigation Project that Five Mile Creek passes through. We have 200 to 800 head of livestock that drink the water that flows down Five Mile during the year. Without the water that is discharged from the Marathon oil wells above us we may not have had stock water during the drought years of 1979, 2000, and 2001.

There is a good supply of minnows and small fish in the creek as well as abundant wildlife that drink and live in proximity to the creek.

Thank you for the steady supply of fresh water.

Yours truly,


Wyoming Horses
Lonnie & Grace Mantle
Bob & Dar Vogel

Nov. 30, 2003

Attn: Marvin Blakesly
Marathon Oil Company
1501 Stampede Ave Cody, Wyo. 82414

Dear Sir:

The Barquin family and their children and grandchildren have been using the produced water from the Marathon Steamboat field for sixty years or more to water the cattle. This water flows from the Mission Pond to the river.

We need this water because it is discharged year around and it is the only water available for the livestock and the wildlife.

For some of this area this produced water is the only water available and if not discharged, the range could not be fully utilized with out the cost of providing water. This is particularly true in drought years, when other sources of water are reduced or dry up.

Since the water is hot when discharged, it is available longer in the winter without having to break ice. Cattle may maintain their weight and survive cold weather better because they do not have to expend as much energy bringing the water they drink to body temperature.

Besides the livestock, the wildlife, which includes deer, elk, antelope, waterfowl, game birds and beaver also utilize this water year round.

We would certainly like to see this produced water flow year round. It is necessary for the continuation of our livestock operations.

Sincerely,

James Barquin Jr.

James B. Barquin Jr.

Jim Barquin III

Jim Barquin III

Jolene Scheer

Jolene A. Scheer

Ty Nicholls

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Brodie Nicholls

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Kincaid, Wyo. 82516

November 12, 2003

Marvin Blakesley, HES
Marathon Oil Company
1501 Stampede Ave.
Cody, Wyo. 82414

Mr Blakesley,

I am writing in regards to the Steamboat field's discharged water. There is a stream that runs year around through our property that gets its water from this discharged water. We have cattle, horses, and goats that drink from it. There are also deer, coyotes, rabbits, pheasants, chickens, eagles, and other wild animals that benefit from it.

Thank you for providing this benefit of the water to us.

Sincerely,

Doug and Linda Hill

FIVE MILE RANCH
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
179 Indian Ridge Road
Pavillion, WY. 82523

January 9, 2002

Mr. Marvin Blakesley
Marathon Oil Company
1501 Stampede Avenue
Cody, WY. 82414

Dear Mr. Blakesley,

I am writing this letter in support of Marathon's EPA discharge permit. The water discharged into Five Mile Creek is a benefit to us in watering livestock. We have 1200 acres on the northwest edge of the Midvale Irrigation project and water 1500 - 2000 cattle each winter from Five Mile Creek. The flow in Five Mile during dry years is almost totally due to Marathon's discharge on our farm because we are on the northwest edge of the irrigation project and do not benefit from irrigated ground drains into the creek. We support the continuation of Marathon's permit to discharge into Five Mile Creek.

Sincerely,



Bill W. Garland

Richard Pattison

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Pavillion, WY 82523

Marvin Blakesley

1501 Stampede Ave.

Cody, WY 82414

Re: Marathon Oil's contribution to the stream flow in 5-Mile Creek

Dear Mr. Blakesley:

I am writing to you to inform you, that I am a landowner in Midvale Irrigation District. My property lies along the Five Mile Creek Drainage and I have two water gaps on the drainage. I also rent land that has an additional two water gaps. Last year Philip Ranch placed sheep and cattle on my properties and used two of the four water gaps. The last two years have been drought years and water shortages. Even with this drought condition, the stream flows have stayed up with consistent flows. Without the flow from Marathon's oilfields at Circle Ridge and Maverick Springs, the constant flow in 5 Mile Creek would not been possible and in all probability would have dried up. Pleased be informed that any loss of streamflow in Five Mile Drainage would jeopardize my being able to furnish pasture with a good water supply. Any water supply into the drainage that would be turned off or restricted, would hinder my cash flow from pasture rental.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Richard Pattison

Darwin Griebel
 Star Route - Box 2815
 Kinnear, Wyoming 82518

Dear Mr. Blakesley & Mike Dike,

I am an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Indian Tribe. I am a permittee on range unit # 38 and depend heavily on the production water for my livestock - without it all the ranches within the Marathon production area from Circle Ridge to Panillon would go out of business.

Not only would the ranchers be affected but wildlife such as ^{fish} ducks, geese, deer, antelope, wild horses, etc. would be ^{lost} distinct. Without production from Marathon & Fire Hole Creek will dry up and all of the above is over.

I pray we do not lose the production water which will affect all the ranchers and critters.

Sincerely,
 Darwin S. Griebel