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To: Members of the Environmental Quality Council

From: Mooney Ranch

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Reason: CBM water discharges

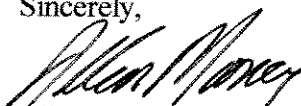
My family and I also own and operate a family ranch on Wildhorse Creek ( a four-generation ranch). While we may not necessarily agree that an unlimited amount of water should be released into this drainage we do agree that the water that has been released to date has been quite beneficial. We also lease from a neighbor a 2200 acre pasture that has been very poorly watered for livestock use. We used to check the two wells in that pasture on a daily basis during the heat of the summer. We now check the livestock in that pasture on a weekly basis and are quite relieved not to have to worry about the livestock water.

We have two methane companies operating on our ranch. The company who has the government mineral leased has been more than cooperative putting in rocked livestock crossings, rubber tired livestock tanks and have built or rebuilt many reservoirs. We are also working with both companies to develop some irrigation systems to enhance or hay meadows. We have even put fish into two of the reservoirs to entertain our grandchildren (the fifth generation).

We also had two cows that come down with foot rot, one that prolapsed and several that had pinkeye but we think it would be a real stretch to conclude that any of it was caused by the CBM water. We also have eaten several beef that have been drinking this same water and to date we have not suffered from any serious physical or mental disorders.

There may be some areas where CBM water is of such poor quality that it should not be released into our creeks but most of the water being produced in our area is a better quality than what we have piped into our homes. Our livestock and wildlife are doing extremely well on CBM water.

Sincerely,

  
Allen and Jan Mooney

