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My farm is located on Antelope Creek and I flood irrigate with rights numbers 34-10220, 34-00410B, and 34-00116B out of Antelope Creek and right number 34-02443 out of the Marsh Canyon Creek.

In response to seasons of use, on an average year I start irrigating before the 1st of May, normally before the 20th of April. On dry years I have started as early as the 5th of April and would like to keep this option available.

I raise mostly alfalfa and find it easier to cover my acreage if I start irrigating earlier. When the weather gets fairly warm in mid June into July the creek fluctuates so much it is hard to keep an irrigating stream, up in the morning and down in the evening. Dry years by mid July there is little water available for irrigation making early use very important.

For these reasons I would like an earlier season of use than May 1st, or at the option of the Watermaster April 20th.

Sincerely,

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