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Karl Davis
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Re: Thank you

Dear Karl Davis,

I hope this letter finds you well. We have finished up a very difficult irrigation season for the Old Ish ditch company. Coming into this irrigation season with no spring runoff from Mother Nature and a reservoir at historically low levels was certainly a worst case scenario, and one that we all hope is never again repeated. I am very proud of all the Old Ish shareholders for coming together as a community. I am especially appreciative of all those homeowners and weekend farmers that gave up your gardens and fields and lawns for the sake of the farmers that make their livelihood farming. I even know one particular landowner of a farm that donated his water shares, sacrificing his fields, to help his fellow farmers. It was a difficult year for them as well, trying to grow a crop on a quarter of the amount of water normally required. And Mother Nature never let up, continuing with a dry hot summer. The board issued 10" per share this year with the goal of not letting the reservoir go below 12'. That doesn't leave much water in the reservoir, but hopefully it is sufficient to save the fish that call the reservoir home. I have heard from so many people that experienced what it was like in 2002 when the reservoir was drained and the terrible situation with the dead fish population. I know that none of us wanted to repeat that disaster. I am very pleased to report that the reservoir level at the end of the irrigation season was right at 12'. With your help, we accomplished our goal! I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your help in making the best of a very bad situation.

I also would like to personally say *au revoir*. You may or may not be aware that in July, I sold our farm on the Little Thompson River to the Colorado Future Farmers of America Foundation (FFA). I have ensured that its wonderful water rights can never be severed from the land and the farm will never go into development. The FFA intends for the farm to be an "agricultural emersion experience" for educating ag teachers and future farmers. The farm has been in my family for nearly 50 years. Oma and I have been working on this goal for the last six years. I am very proud that it has come to fruition and that the Lewis Heritage farm will have a perpetual steward of the land and water. All my best to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Scott Lewis

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