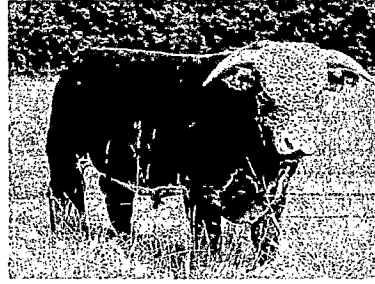


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Oregon Water Resources Department
725 Summers St. NE, Suite A
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Kite Ranches received your letter dated July 9, 2020 questioning our water rights and water usage.

It is not clear why this information is required as it is all on file with the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Klamath County Circuit Court. We would respectfully request that you obtain that information from your files. We are irrigating no more than is granted in our water rights.

It is our understanding that this needed data concerns the management of the waters of Klamath Lake by the OWRD. Our water right does not involve stored lake water as we are "in-stream" users.

If information is indeed needed regarding Klamath Lake water storage, a public hearing should be held in Klamath Falls to obtain information from those who know how to manage the Klamath Lake waters.

The final comment we would like to express is that your agency should be aware that all water inside the State of Oregon belongs to the State as prescribed in the Statehood Papers. It does not belong to the Bureau of Reclamation or the Federal Fish and Wildlife. Those agencies should never have been allowed to dictate the amount of water discharged down the Klamath River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Kite".

John Kite
Kite Ranches, Inc.