

Senator JORDAN. These men who have been successful are the ones who are going to reclaim this additional land in the third division?

Mr. DOMINY. This is exactly true. This is an individual ownership. A man and a wife could have 320 acres of class 1 equivalent. The Midvale farms were opened up at very small acreages. This is back in the days' gentlemen, when we thought that 80 acres was a huge farm. We did not even give them 160 acres when Midvale was first opened up to homesteading back in the 1930's. Those units were 60 and 80 acres in size. So, even the Midvale farmers are a long way, for the most part, from having 160 acres of class 1 equivalent. They will be able to add to what are very inadequate farms in Midvale by adding the third division land which is immediately adjacent, which is served by the same general canal system as the others.

Senator McGEE. It will not do violence to the overall limitations?

Mr. DOMINY. No.

Senator JORDAN. You have answered the question. I wanted to know if there was enough flexibility in the ownership of these settlers who have been there, to give them room to maneuver in this new area.

Mr. DOMINY. Yes, sir.

Senator McGEE. May I ask a question?

What would this do now in terms of adding some of the more marginal lands for grazing purposes?

Mr. DOMINY. This is the other thing that is embodied in this. We recognize that on the Riverton project there are 5,000-foot of elevation with an average growing season of 120 days. That is the average in the growing season. And at 5,000-foot elevation, it is not too consistent. Sometimes, they get early freezes. So, they have to go into the livestock industry as their basic feed base for livestock. So that non-irrigable land adjacent to these farms is highly desirable.

The nonproductive land under irrigation would be incorporated into these units for grazing purposes, so that they can get the livestock off of the irrigated land during the summer months and have them on the nonirrigated land in the winter months on a feed basis.

Senator ANDERSON. This states 160 acres. Do you know what that is now?

Mr. DOMINY. This is a recommendation that the Department has been supporting for a long while as a general piece of legislation; that is, that we go to the 160 class 1 equivalent. There is such a variety of productivity on land under irrigation. Anything that is not irrigable would not count as a unit.

Senator JORDAN. This is land that has formerly been in the project and has been abandoned, because it was not feasible to irrigate it?

Mr. DOMINY. Yes, part of the land that has gone out. It is not the best pasture land in the world, but it is a good place to have the cattle in the summer months. You have the feed base on your irrigated land. You will have a unit that will work.

Senator JORDAN. No acreage limitation would be applied against those lands that would be excluded?

Mr. DOMINY. The water would not be applied to them. This would be a very firm requirement, because we know that water cannot be applied to some of those lands without causing trouble to the irrigated lands.