

WATER LOSS FROM DIVERSION POINT TO MIDVALE FARMS

Year	Total acre-feet of water diverted from Wind River at diversion dam	Total acre-feet of water delivered to Midvale Farms	Canal and lateral losses due to seepage and evaporation
1962	227,072	95,091	131,981
1963	278,062	106,261	171,801
1964	252,530	115,016	137,514
1965	287,683	102,832	184,851
1966	328,116	124,012	204,104

Note: Total acre-feet of water loss due to seepage and evaporation, 1962 through 1966, 830,251.

Senator HANSEN. Thank you very much, Mr. Welty. You have lived in this area and farmed it for just about 20 years, almost two decades.

Mr. WELTY. Yes.

Senator HANSEN. Well, your intimate knowledge of it is obvious from your statement, and I want to thank you for the contribution you have made.

Next, I think we ought to hear from Mr. Edward L. Bogacz, member of the board.

Mr. BOGACZ. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Edward L. Bogacz of Pavillion, Wyo. I am a commissioner of the Midvale Irrigation District and I am also a water user on the Riverton reclamation project. I am a veteran of World War II. Incidentally, if I may I might mention that my drawing number was 168 so there were 168 veterans ahead of me in the drawing. There were quite a number of veterans in that drawing, as I remember it, somewhere around 500, I believe.

Senator HANSEN. Is that right?

Mr. BOGACZ. I missed drawing a homestead on the project on my return from military service. I am married and I have five daughters. I own 280 acres of farmland in the Midvale Irrigation District and I own an additional 900 acres in the district near Ocean Lake which is used for livestock pasture.

I would like to explain that. It may raise a question as to how I can own that much land in the Midvale district with the 160-acre limitation. A lot of this land is marginal land. Around Ocean Lake, on the south side of Ocean Lake, it is subirrigated. It has been taken out of the ONM class of the Midvale Irrigation District, and therefore it is leased as grazing land.

I own approximately 50 black angus cows, plus 700 ewes. My usual crops are sugarbeets, hay, and grain. With this size operation, I am getting along satisfactorily, but there is little opportunity for expansion and increased income.

When the 81 farm units on third division were advertised for temporary permits by the Bureau of Reclamation on March 9, 1965, I was extremely interested. This was an opportunity for me to diversify and to expand my operation. I was familiar with the quality of the land on third division since I have lived in this area for most of my life and I have been farming on the project since 1937. Many of my neighbors on Midvale were as pleased as I was to see these lands on third division advertised by the Bureau for temporary leasing.

All of the 81 farm units were snapped up by Midvale farmers and the bidding on these units was competitive and spirited. Every unit that was advertised was leased. The successful bidders paid a total of \$78,815 for agricultural permits on these third division lands for 1 year.