

whatsoever from the standpoint of enhancing that farmer's opportunity to make a living. The Federal Government has assisted the Midvale settlers considerably. Granting them the use of these surplus lands would be of little benefit to the success of their farming.

However, denying the use to me will cause me to fail entirely and will work a serious hardship on me and my family. It is depriving me of the most logical opportunity to make a living.

It is doubtful that the plan of a community herd arrangement would be successful or satisfactory. Due to the large number of people involved and the vast unfenced area it would be most difficult to realize any profit from grazing one or several cows under these conditions. I ask that a letter from the Midvale Irrigation District Board of Commissioners, dated January 16, 1967, be inserted in the hearing record at this point.

Senator HANSEN. Without objection that may be received.
(The letter referred to follows:)

MIDVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
Pavillion, Wyo., January 16, 1967.

DEAR WATERUSER: As you probably know, the Midvale Irrigation District took over the management of the Third Division grazing area from the Bureau of Reclamation by a lease agreement dated January 26, 1966. The District assumed control on October 14, 1966.

The District's purpose in assuming the management of this grazing area on the project was to develop supplemental grazing for Midvale waterusers. Your Board of Commissioners is now formulating a plan for the leasing and management of this area. The method and procedure of leasing will depend a great deal on the number of Midvale waterusers who desire to participate and take advantage of the privileges of this supplemental grazing. The Board would like to know who is interested in this area in order to complete their planning. The following is a tentative proposal for the leasing and management of the Third Division grazing area so that all of the waterusers would have the same information and opportunity to participate:

1. All *resident* Midvale waterusers will be eligible to participate in leasing this area based upon the number of irrigable acres owned by him as shown on the 1966 Assessment roll. The term residency shall be solely and conclusively interpreted, in case of disputes, by the Midvale Board of Commissioners and the Board will have the power to require such proof as it deems necessary for a determination of residency.

2. The grazing area will be generally set up as a community herd arrangement. There are 65,714.48 acres in the grazing area and there are 44,682.5 irrigable acres in Midvale. If all of the owners of all of the irrigable acres in Midvale were eligible and did elect to participate, then the owner of each irrigable acre would be entitled to approximately one and one-half acres of leased land. Some of the irrigable acres on Midvale are owned by non-resident waterusers and many resident waterusers will probably not elect to participate in this leasing agreement and, therefore, the waterusers who participate will probably be entitled to considerably more leased acres per irrigable acre than stated above.

3. The participating waterusers will be limited to the use of the leased area in accordance with the number of animal units per year. Approximately 120 acres will sustain one animal unit on the leased area. The lease will probably be open for grazing approximately three months of each year. Five sheep units will be the equivalent of one cow unit. This would mean that if a resident wateruser owned 80 irrigable acres and if all Midvale irrigable acres participated, then he would be eligible for approximately 120 acres of leased land which would be one animal unit per year or he would have the privilege of running four cows on the lease for three months or 20 sheep on the lease for three months.

4. The participating waterusers would be required to organize their own governing body and establish their own rules and regulations concerning supervision and control of the lease. This governing body would report to and be under the control of the Midvale Board of Commissioners. All members of the commu-