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To Whom it may concern:

It has come to our attention that we have a well in the Request 3 category of the Upper Klamath Basin Permitted Wells Summary dated 12/11/2013. This well services two of our water right certificates, certificate # 74277 and # 84930.

This well is not within 1 mile of a creek. In the early 1900's this channel was built as part of the Sand Creek Irrigation District. Without mans continued intervention of removing sand, cleaning the channel and diverting water from Sand Creek into Scott Creek no water from Scott Creek would ever make it within several miles of the Klamath Marsh or our well. In fact because of the distance it has to travel and the amount of water lost in the sand we were lucky if we could get the combined water of Scott and Sand Creek to reach the Marsh once every 5 years. The Tribes no longer allow water to be diverted from Sand Creek so this man made channel can no longer be used.

We have run cattle, in the summer, on the Klamath Marsh for 30 years. We bought our first piece of property and this well in the mid 80's. Our daughters and grandsons have grown up here. Our ranch supports us, our daughter and her husband and our grandson and his wife. We are a family operation and although ranching and farming is always a struggle it is our way of life.

If this well is shut off it would be devastating to us financially, because of the loss of our ability to produce income for our family. We have already suffered damages last year when the Tribes shut off our irrigation out of Sand Creek. Please do some research and reconsider your proposal to shut off this well.

Sincerely,

*Scott & Margie Runels*

