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Ms. Lorena Vaughn, Regional Hearing Clerk (6RC-D)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

RE: SDWA-06-2017-1110 (Jireh Resources, LLC)
SDWA-06-2017-1112 (Novy Oil and Gas, Inc. (Grayhorse Operating, LLC)
SDWA-06-2017-1111 (Warren American Company, LLC)

Comments on above described referenced docket numbers.

Our family has been in the ranching business for five generations in Osage County. North Bird Creek runs directly onto our leased grazing property. On August 16, 2016 I was fully stocked with cattle when I was notified of a saltwater problem; that the water tests had resulted in ranges over 80,000 TDS. I was first notified by the Superintendent of the BIA that the BIA inspectors had discovered the possibility that semi truck loads of salt water had been dumped into a pool of water on Bass Brothers Osage Ranch. This was proven completely false. I immediately removed all livestock from the leased property and have not restocked the property since that date; causing a significant financial burden. I now have lost revenue from three grazing seasons

As TDS levels increase, the threat of killing cattle and/or decreasing their weight gain is very concerning. While water temperature readings have been extreme, TDS levels have increased, and residual oil on surface of creek banks has been present; I approve the proposed order of the EPA to take the necessary steps with the injection wells in the area to eliminate the problem. The impact we would face if this problem was not eliminated would be detrimental to the environment and our ranching business. This problem has to be solved by all means necessary to protect the valuable resources and preserve the environment for generations to come.

I appreciate the actions of the EPA and support all efforts to identify and correct the problem. I think the regulatory monitoring of North Bird Creek is a step in the right direction to conduct the EPA's proposed order.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron P. Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" being particularly prominent.

Ron P. Reed

Reed Family Ranch, LLC