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To Whom It May Concern;

As a resident and cattle owner in Garfield County, we recognize the need for large-scale water improvement projects such as the one being proposed for the 'Showalter Range Water Improvement Project.' The years-long drought we have endured has shown just how much of a dire need there is for water projects such as this.

This project will not only benefit domestic livestock but will also benefit wildlife in the area. Many times in dry years, ponds cannot be depended on and wildlife, livestock, and the ranchers themselves suffer greatly. With this water improvement project, more dependable sources of water will be readily available.

Ranchers will also be able to move their cattle across the range more efficiently as they move to the next water source. This will be beneficial to the range itself as it will prevent cattle from congregating in one spot for too long and overgrazing areas.

I strongly encourage this project to be implemented.

Sincerely,

Jason Excell