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Comments: My name is Doug Van Beek. My brothers Art and Bill and I purchased Oasis Ranch in Fish Lake Valley approximately 25 years ago. Oasis Ranch is a 960 acre alfalfa farm. My brothers and I use the alfalfa grown there to feed the cows on the dairy farms that we own and operate in the San Joaquin Valley of California. The purchase of Oasis Ranch included water rights to Cottonwood Creek. We depend on the creek's water to irrigate our crops. Preserving our water rights is very important to the economic survival of our farming operation. Every time I visit Oasis Ranch it includes a walk along the creek. We enjoy "wild and scenic" rivers as much as anyone. We are all in on preserving the natural beauty in the area. We look forward to seeing the fruits of your efforts along Cottonwood Creek. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you, Doug Van Beek