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Comments: My wife and I own the Taylor/Oswald ranch which lies directly north and adjacent to the proposed land swap. My wife's grandfather and his brothers bought our ranch in 1948. At that time, the ranch leased a fenced water lane from our deed property across Forest Service land to Lake Creek where the cattle running on our ranch could obtain water. This continued for 50+ years. The access to our property and the water lane was on a 2 track trail that left the county road going north, went past the lagoon and to our fence line where we checked our animals and provided salt and mineral (that 2 track is shown the map provided with this proposal). Sometime during the 90's, the Forest Service began raising the fees for the lease - and when those fees became onerous, we opted to drill a well on our private property about 1/2 mile north. We gave up the water lane at that point. We built a road on our private lands that connected our forest service 2 track access to the well site so we could get the drill rig to the site. We also used this access to install solar panels, pump and tanks along with continuing to supply salt and mineral to our animals.

We have used this forest service access for many, many years when going up to check our irrigation ditches at Balman reservoir and Rainbow Lake.

We respectfully ask that we are able to continue to use this access and that any final decision will recognize that.

Thanks

Steve Oswald