

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/17/2024 5:58:46 PM

First name: Bill

Last name: Norlander

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Over the past thirty years the Curry Ditch users have spent thousands of dollars in our effort to maintain and use the Curry Ditch. The ditch is the first and highest irrigation ditch off Pine Creek. Its diversion is about 1.5 miles north of Carson. It flows a total of 4.5 miles to the south and ends above Valley View Lane. It is used to irrigate more than 400 acres along the lower West Wall in Pine Valley.

This historic 100-year-old ditch, which began as a mining channel dug by Chinese labor, is very fragile. It has experienced many disruptions over the years including blockages caused by debris washed in from higher parts of the valley wall to the west.

I am concerned the removal of forest as well as additional road construction above the Curry Ditch could contribute to changes in the historic patterns of water moving down the valley wall to our ditch. Blockages usually cause washouts which in turn affect the Posey Valley Ditch beneath us. We already face that proposition with the recent clear cutting on the Manulife (Hancock) property. Several residences located on the valley wall depend on springs as the main source of their domestic water. Changes in water flow patterns caused by road building could certainly cause them problems. Increased erosion and sediment is also a consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.