

Dear Doug,

This is in response to your letter of January 22, 2007.

I looked at the area Saturday, January 22. Russell Yates and I used a transit to measure the property levels along the fence and adjacent areas. We measured along the fence at the last seven poles and then 16 feet West and 16 feet East of the fence. (see enclosed). There is standing water which anyone can see. The measurements demonstrate that the water is deeper on the gun club property than on ours. .

In reviewing the property it seems highly probable that the dirt used to build the berm that you shoot into came from the land in front of the shooting range. The land is generally higher on our property than the area of the firing range. If that dirt were replaced there would be no standing water.

You will recall that we built a fence along the property line last summer. You were asked to move the end of the berm as it extended onto our property. In doing so, you further lowered the level of the area and moved several piles of dirt to the south end of the property. The end of the berm where the fence was built is precisely where most of the standing water is. I think that you are asking me to solve a problem that is of your own making. Perhaps you should consider bringing that dirt back.

The water in the creek comes from the bank and not from the river unless it overflows which it did recently. When this happens the river temporarily contributes to the creek. We have had record rain and high water. I am not in charge of the rain or the river.

We have always had a culvert for the creek and a roadway at the bottom of the hill in order for us to be able to cross the creek and there has always been a pond to the east of the Culvert. This past summer it was redone and the water level of the pond was raised. We also have a spillway that accommodates excess water. The creek flows east to west along the bank on our property. We believe that the amount of natural incline on our property accommodates the height of our pond.

I would like to suggest that a representative of the gun club meet with Russell Yates, the rentor of our property , to see how this issue can be solved to the satisfaction of each of us. Russell is very knowledgeable about this issue and is very interested in developing an ecosystem that accommodates both our needs. Russell can be reached at 503-266-3355. I will anticipate learning of the result of this discussion.

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With best regards,



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transit measurements

