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Subject: Slaughter Ranch Well Monitoring - Flow Meter Installation
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Hi Alan;

Thank you for the update recently on your domestic well development at Slaughter Ranch, and your generous offer to let FWS monitor that well. Yes, FWS would very much like to monitor water withdrawal from that new well. We wish to do this primarily for the following reason: While FWS continues to challenge the use and amount of water withdrawal from the Glenn's Well near Silver Creek, and while we are monitoring that withdrawal in relation to the numerous effects we are seeing in relation to lowering pond levels on the refuge, I expect that eventually DHS/USACE/Border Contractors/Glenns will ask something like: "How much water is being pumped at Slaughter Ranch and how do you know that they are not the ones impacting refuge pond levels?" I therefore want to have an answer ready for that kind of question, and the monitoring being planned at your new domestic well will help provide that answer. Naturally, we will provide you any information that we gather at your well.

The FWS would like to install a flow meter at your new well at our cost. We can either do that after the well is plumbed, or (even better if possible) the well contractor can provide and install a suitable flow meter and then submit an invoice to me so I can pay that part of the bill. Please tell me which method you prefer.

Thank you for your help, Bill

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