

NO 1 - REQUEST FOR REVIEW: RA24051 / Rimrock Cattle Company Ltd.

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Status of Party as per Decision Summary: Directly Affected Party

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Laura Friend](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Rimrock Feed lot expansion  
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**Attachments:** [Feedlot Expansion 2025final.pdf](#)

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Laura

I Have attached a copy of my original letter opposing this expansion.

Further more where do they plan on getting the water from in the future. The Kneehill Creek CAN NOT continue to supply the water. If you look at the history of this creek it used to be substantially higher. Over time it just keeps getting lower and lower.

Why should Rimrock be allowed to take so much water that is effecting people further on down creek.

I would like to know if I apply to take water out of this creek to fill my Dam that has never been empty in 75 years will it be granted.

I have also heard that one of the lagoons(holding ponds) that was not built correctly and has lost all the water that was pumped out of the Kneehill Creek.

Leigh (Boake) Boles

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Sent from my iPad

June 2, 2025

To: Natural Resources Conservation Board

Attention: Lynn Stone

RE: Application RA24051  
Rimrock Cattle Company Ltd  
Middle of Section 28-29-25-W4M

**I have many concerns about this expansion. Think of how this will affect everyone and everything in the FUTURE.**

- My land location is NE 33-29-25-W4
- Where do they plan to get enough water for this feedlot expansion? (I know for a fact that they have had or are having trouble getting enough water for the current 14,000 head) They are currently pumping water out of the Kneehill Creek as well they have drilled 3 water wells. To me the creek seems to me to very very low. We are in a drought, so why are they allowed to deplete the creek for users farther down the line? Is there no restriction on how much and when they can pump? Who is monitoring them to make sure they are abiding by the rules? When they started pumping they needed it for the current 14,000 head, I DO NOT BELIEVE that the Kneehill Creek can provide enough water for another 14,000 head. They should not be able to deplete that water source as there are other farmers that need the Kneehill Creek water for their own livestock. I am also looking to put in an application to also pump out of the Kneehill Creek to have enough water in my 75 year old Dam so that cattle can be graze on my land all summer.
- My other concern is to do with their water as wells. They drilled 3 water wells close to my property that has a Registered Spring Fed Dam since 1951. I believe that their water wells have been drilled into the same spring that feed the dam for the past 75 years. In all the 75 years this dam has never ever been close to empty which it is now? In fact we have always had to maintain an over flow system as it was always too full. Since these wells were drilled the dam has been getting lower and lower. The Dam is the only constant source of water for grazing cattle on this piece of land.
- I filed a complaint with the EPA because of the 75 year old spring fed Dam being empty due to the reasons I explained above. They won't even come out and do a site visit. They said that Rimrock is not the cause of my Dam being empty. How can they say that when I have 75 years of history on this Dam with NO lack of water problems (even in previous drought years) until the feed lot moved in and drilled the 3 water wells? I have the feeling that they are being very one sided for reasons I would really like to know why.
- I am also very concerned that this piece of land that has never been broken up and is totally made up of natural prairie wool grass (wild grass). What happens when my land is contaminated with grasses, weeds, etc.? I would never be able to take it back to its original state as the wild grasses seed variety that exist on this property are not available to buy. This land is and has been very sacred to my family for generation because of its natural state.

- In past dealing with this company and its owners I feel that they seem to work on the analogy of:

**“It’s easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission when they want or need something”**

For example:

When with the current 14,000 head they ran in major water shortage problems in 2020. They started pumping out of my Registered Water Dam, on my property, WITHOUT my (the owners) permission. They said they had permission from my renters. Doug Price would never allow renters of his land to give permission to anyone to take water or anything else off his land, but thinks its ok for him to ask my renters.

- What is there plan for the disposal of all the manure that an additional 14,000 head will produce?

How will this expansion effect:

- Air quality (known fact that the smell is unbearable at times already)
- Land values of neighboring land

I am very concerned that this is NOT good for the future of anyone that will be affected by this. Especially for all those affected by this expansion and their **future** necessities for water.

Yours truly,

Leigh Boles

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Neighboring Land Owner