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401 Main Street
Walsenburg, CO 81089

Dear Committee Members-

My husband, son and I moved to Gardner in Jan of 2023. Prior to moving I secured a full time job in Alamosa at the local hospital as an Emergency Room Nurse. My husband brought his HVAC Company (Strickler Services) to the Wet Valley. We bought a ranch with the intention of building a new house and having livestock. About 2 months ago we bought 7 horses.

We use the bulk water out of Gardner. We were doing well and using less than the allotted 2500 gallons per month. However, now that we have livestock and it is warm outside we are running out of water before the end of the month.

We are writing to ask you for an increase of 1500 gallons per month. Our intention is to attempt to drill a well after we start building our house in the spring of 2024. As of now, we are just waiting for the architect to provide us with the completed drawings for our new house. According to the rules and regulations of Gardner public water, with approval from this committee it is possible to pay 8 cents per gallon for up to another 1500 gallons per month. I am willing to pay this price for the extra water. I do not expect to use the entire 1500 gallons per month and I expect that once we have a well in place I will not need to use the bulk water.

We are asking for only 1000 gallons a month more than what is allotted to those who are connected to the water in town. We own 100+ acres and are contributing to the community with our jobs and also by helping out patrons in the community with our horses. We are nine, almost ten months through year and we have only used 15,000 gallons thus far. This is half of the allotted 30,000 gallons. If we were able to use the unused monthly water, I believe we would not run out. However this is not the case. If we do not use the 2500 gallons per month we lose it. During the hotter summer months our water consumption increases. I would think that in the colder months we would not use as much water.

In closing, we would appreciate it greatly if the committee would approve our request for an increase in our monthly allotment of water. In the upcoming months, we will be looking into other options for water and also putting in our down payment to get on the list to have a well drilled. Living here in the mountains has been an adjustment, but we love it here and will continue to contribute to the community of Gardner however possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

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