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Dear Mr. Gainer:

This letter is in response to your inquiry concerning land use along Miller Creek on land adjacent to the U. S. Fuel property at Hiawatha. It also applies to regional land use practices for areas with similar geologic, hydrologic, pedogenic, topographic and climatic features.

Land use along the upper portions of Miller Creek near Hiawatha has been limited to rangeland and wildlife habitat. There are no indications to show other land uses for this area, nor are the land use practices expected to change. The floodplains and terraces associated with Miller Creek have limited capabilities and restricted land use, primarily because of the small acreages available, the cobbly nature of many of the soils and in certain locations, excessive slopes.

Historically, regional land use for similar areas has also been restricted to rangeland and wildlife habitat. Within a thirty mile radius only two streams, Huntington Creek and Cottonwood Creek, and associated alluvial valley floors are utilized for cropland and other intensive agricultural practices. Both of these streams have much larger drainage areas and the associated floodplains and terraces are much larger in size and have fewer land use restrictions because of more gentle slopes.

If we can be of further service, please feel free to call.

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