

Bureau of Reclamations
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CC: Barb Anderson

Dear Richard Rizza,

I am writing with grave concerns about our lease at Nelson Reservoir.

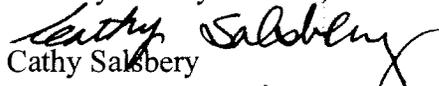
Our family has been leasing lot 78 for the past 50 some years. Our Grandfather took over the boat house from the Nelson Association and had that lease up until he gave it to his grandchildren in 1995. Grandpa was 95 at the time. We have had numerous family gatherings at Nelson over the years and now the great grandchildren have started to plan gatherings at that site as well. We have been very alarmed at the recent discovery that we could lose our family vacation spot because of some fine print in our lease agreement.

My mother passed away in 2003 and at that time, we had made various improvements to the cabin with our mother focused on what needed to be done and to have everything in order so we could get our lease renewed every year. I remember the year that the committee said that our roof and yard needed some attention and Mom called her children and was all concerned that we would lose Grandpa's lease. We rallied together and put money in and fixed up our place (at your request) for the tune of over \$5,000.00. One of my concerns at this time is that after putting that money into our cabin, we could still lose it. And why now? It just seems that when we ranchers in rural Montana have so little entertainment available, why this has become a priority to you now?

My husband and I own a ranch just 11 miles from Nelson and the lake is an area that we do get to spend what little vacation time we have there. Losing our cabin at the lake would affect our lives in many negative areas of our family.

We would like to have you take a double look at what you are doing to our local vacation spot when you are dealing with the changes you are making and how negative it would be for us.

Thank you for your time,


Cathy Salsbery