



EQIP Success Story

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Irrigation Pipeline Boosts the Flow

Near the rural community of Holden, what might be considered a small EQIP project has made dramatic improvements to the flow of irrigation water in this drought-stricken Utah community.

Robert Stevens, working with NRCS, completed a simple irrigation conveyance pipeline that saved enough water to run an additional wheel line.

In addition, because the irrigation system now runs on gravity pres-

sure it makes his diesel pump obsolete and saves all the fuel expense and maintenance associated with the old irrigation system. He says "he can't wait to turn water down that pipe next spring".

The pipe line is shared with his neighbor, Don Turner, who was able to convert from flood irrigation to sprinkler. "He'll see much better use of his water next season," says Lars Rasmussen, a range management specialist

is the NRCS Fillmore field office. Rasmussen said Stevens was pleasant to work with, got in and got the job done and did everything he could to make sure it was done right.

For more information, contact Lars Rasmussen in the Fillmore NRCS office at (435) 743-6655.

Accompanying photos show construction progress and the Stevens irrigation pond.

