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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

5 Oct., 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is the written testimony of Jerry Clay and Ray Hamell as it pertains to the use of irrigation water from Race Creek located in Sec. 4, T24NR1E and Secs. 29, 32 and 33 T25NR1E in Idaho County, Idaho and its use on property currently owned by Larry and Nancy Simonson of Riggins, Id..

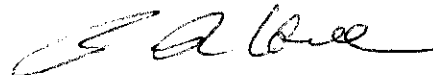
It is historical fact that the original homesteads that make up this ranch property date back to the late 1800's when they were used to produce agricultural necessities during the Gold Rush Era. There are still old fruit trees along the ditches which are over 100 years old.

The Clay family were pioneers in central Idaho and many of its members, including Jerry worked on this property. His personal knowledge of the property dates back to the 1950's as an employee of Circle C Ranches, who owned the property until it was sold to Tom and Lorraine Bicandi during the early 1970's. During that time the land was used as irrigated pasture and hay production. It also served as winter pasture and feedlot areas as well as spring calving ground.

During the mid 1970's the Hamell family purchased property which adjoined the Bicandi Ranch. Its use as described above continued through the 1970's and early 1980's when the property was sold to BS Ranches. Ray Hamell served as a property manager for BS Ranches until the property was acquired by the Simonsons during the late 1980's. As property manager during the BS Ranch ownership I traced the statutory claims for water right back to the 1880's. The chain of title reflects that the property has been used continuously for the production of crops and as pasture since that time. Since the acquisition of the property by the Simonsons I have done extensive improvements to the irrigation systems in place on the ranch. It is still used today essentially as it has been for over a century.

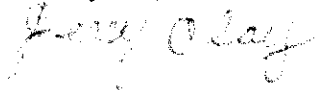
If you have any questions I can be contacted at 208 628-3073 or P.O.Box 338 Riggins, Id. 83549.

Sincerely,



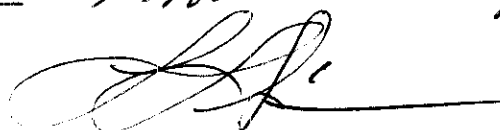
Raymond R. HAMELL

Attest: Jerry Clay



Attest: Larry Simonson



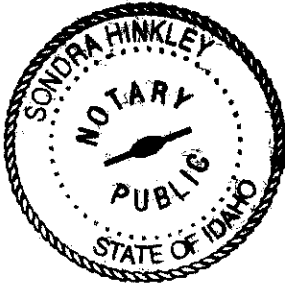
This is totally true


INDIVIDUAL

STATE OF IDAHO-----)
COUNTY OF IDAHO-----)

On this 6 day of October, in the year 2007, before me a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Raymond Hinkley & Larry Swanson, known or identified to me to be the person whose name is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that---he---executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Sondra Hinkley
Notary Public for Idaho -
Residing at Bozeman
My Commission expires: Sept 13, 2008

September 30, 2004

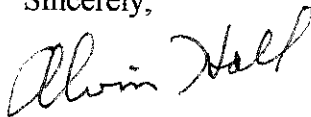
Alvin Hall
4220 Hwy. 95
New Meadow, Idaho 83654

To Whom It May Concern:

The former Circle C Ranch, New Meadows, Idaho, bought the Race Creek Ranch, Riggins, Idaho County, Idaho in 1938 from Holt & Rhoades. My father, Roy F. Hall moved onto this ranch in 1938 as foreman. He worked on this ranch as foreman for 32 years. The water that was used to irrigate this ranch came from Race Creek & Bean Creek. This water was used to irrigate; pastures, raise hay, vegetable gardens & fruit orchards. The "*points of diversion*" used for the irrigation systems where already in place when Roy moved on the Ranch in 1938.

The upper part of the Circle C Ranch that is now owned by Larry Simonson, Riggins, Idaho, was called the Pipes Place, Wisdom Place, & the Hatter homestead. I, Alvin Hall, helped my Father Roy F. Hall irrigate and raise crops on this land from the late 1940's to the early 1970's when the ranch was then sold to Tom Bicandi.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alvin Hall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Alvin Hall

STATE OF IDAHO

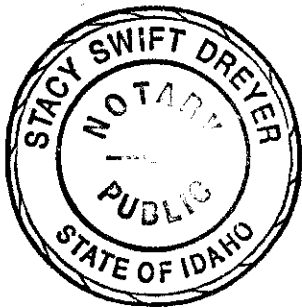
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COUNTY OF ADAMS

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On This 30th day of September, in the year 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Alvin Hall
_____, known or identified to me to be the person(s) whose names(s) _____
subscribed to the within Instrument, and acknowledge to me that he executed the
same.



Stacy Swift Dreyer

Notary Public of Idaho

Residing at New Meadows, Idaho

Commission Expires: 3-17-2005

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM.

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

Ident. Number: **A79-04384A**
Date Received: 7/29/1988
Receipt No: X777777
Received By: _____

**COPY FOR
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**NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW**

**COPY FOR
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1. Name: SIMPCO LANDS 208-634-7074
Address: 14089 MORELL RD
MCCALL ID 83638

2. Date of Priority: JAN 1, 1880

3. Source: RACE CREEK, WEST FORK Trib. to: RACE CREEK

4. Point of Diversion:

Township	Range	Section	1/4 of	1/4 of	1/4	Lot	County
25N	01E	30		NW	SE		IDAHO
		32		NE	NE		IDAHO
				NW	NE		IDAHO
				SE	NE		IDAHO
		33		NW	SW		IDAHO
				SW	SW		IDAHO

5. Description of diverting works:
DAMS, HEADGATES & DITCHES. FLOOD IRRIGATION FROM DITCHES.

6. Water is used for the following purposes:

Purpose	From	To	C.F.S	(or)	A.F.A.
IRRIGATION	03/01	12/01	2.800		
STOCKWATER	01/01	12/31	0.120		

7. Total Quantity Appropriated is:
2.800 C.F.S. (and/or) A.F.A.

8. Total consumptive use is Acre Feet Per Annum.

9. Non-irrigation uses:
S/500 RANGE

December 18, 1996

Department of Water Resources
1301 N. Orchard St.
Boise, ID 83706-2237

Dear Roxanne McCarthy,

As per conversation on December 18, 1996. The address on water right claim #A65-07209 is incorrect. It should be:

Simpco Lands
C/O Larry Simonson
14089 Morell Road
McCall, ID 83638
208-634-7074

The priority dates on the following water right claims need to be changed to 1880 as originally filed by Tom & Lorraine Bicandi.

No. A79-13606
No. A79-13607
Address change to C/O Larry Simonson: *and priority dates 1880*
No. A79-04385
No. A79-0438A

Simpco Lands by
Larry Simonson

Simpco Lands date 12-18-96
by [Signature]

