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Gentlemen,

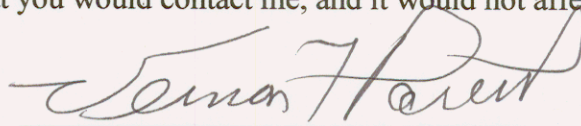
We have received your second notice (no first notice was received) that we must file on the water rights that has historically been used on our farm property near Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, by 11 March 2002 . My wife, Elese and I have gifted a portion of our 1003 acres of farm land to our children, so we are filing on behalf of them as well as on our own water rights.

We have 2 springs and a well on our land which has historically been used for agricultural purposes and to support an average of 100 head of cattle. A main source of water comes through a 1 ½ inch pipe from a spring that is located on adjacent BLM land. This spring was reportedly developed to provide water to a home site, when the land was homesteaded about 1914. I am attempting to verify the date with the Bannock county recorders office, but have been unsuccessful to date. This historical usage of the spring was formally acknowledged by the BLM in a letter dated 1973, addressed to Eldrid Hall. This letter was given to me when I purchased the farm land in 1980. I just spoke to Max Hall, Eldrid Hall's son, who sold me the property, He recalled that the pipe was converted from iron pipe to a plastic pipe in that same time frame. This water was in active use when I purchased the property, and has continued to support domestic, agricultural, and cattle feeding operations.

The well is located on land which I purchased from Earl Olsen. He informed me that his father and later he had used the well for agricultural and stock purposes. This well, which has a six inch casing, was dug in 1948 and has been in constant use since that date. I purchased the property in July 1985, and on a lease basis, we have used the well water to support agricultural and cattle feeding operations since that date.

I had difficulty determining whether the fee for the Domestic and Stock applied to my case. After speaking with one of your office officials, he recommended I pay the \$25 fee, and if the higher fee applied that you would contact me, and it would not affect the validity of my claims.

Sincerely,



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