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Dennis Lile
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Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Claim Nos. 74-1816F and 74-15242

Dear Dennis,

Thank you for providing additional information about your claims in the SRBA. This letter is an attempt to answer your questions and resolve any concerns you may have about your water right claims.

First, let me address 74-1816F. IDWR has recommended 2.5 acres under this right in the SESE, T21N, R22E, S09. This represents all of the land you own in that section. Your claim also included 4.0 acres in S16. The only land in S16 irrigated under 74-1816 (the "parent" of your claim) is still owned by Reba and Robert Thomas and recommended to them as 74-15243. We have recommended 74-15242 to cover your irrigated land in S16.

Recommendation 74-15242 is for 2.7 acres of irrigation in S16, T21N, R22E. This represents what we believe to be your portion of original right 74-322A. The remainder of the right (16.8 acres) has been recommended to Reba and Robert Thomas as 74-15241.

Your total water right found by IDWR is 5.2 acres. We understand there is a discrepancy between this figure and the 5.759 irrigated acres shown on your tax assessment notice. Lemhi County may be including the ½ acre that is allowable irrigation from your domestic well. There may be an underlying mapping error that we are unable to identify at this time. You may wish to review the original Lemhi decree maps in Bob Foster's Salmon office or speak to someone in the assessor's office.

Please feel free to contact me at (208) 287-4914 if you have additional questions or concerns. You may also reach me using email: roxanne.brown@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roxanne Brown".

Roxanne Brown
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Cc: Bob Foster

Enclosures