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Department of Water Resources

June 21, 2005

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to assist in verification of water usage on a property north of Challis, Idaho on the Salmon River. This property is approximately 11 miles downriver from the city of Challis.

The property once belonged to my paternal grandparents, Floyd and Rose Black. As a young teenager I used to spend summers with my grandparents helping them on their farm, enjoying summers in the rural setting of Challis, Idaho and away from city life in Pocatello.

As a summer helper for my grandparents, I used to move sprinkler pipe on ground between their house and the highway. My grandmother had a very large garden that was her pride and joy. My grandfather brought water from the spring (slough) to the garden using a pump, some sprinkler pipe and a variety of hoses. Later, my grandfather raised mink in part of the garden area and the water was used for the mink operation and well as the garden. Again, pumped from the slough.

We also kept the immediate area between the garden and the highway and the garden and the then wheat fields irrigated with sprinkler pipe (which I helped move). This was for pasturing some livestock in the fenced areas near the garden.

My history of the water usage on their farmland and garden area goes back to the late 1950's when I was in junior high school and spent my summers enjoying life on the farm and helping with the chores.

Sincerely,



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Idaho Department of Water Resources
Twin Falls, Idaho

Dear Sirs;

I am submitting this letter as a supporting document for a "Filing for Water Right" by Mr. Howard D. Black of Idaho Falls. The parents of Howard Black, Floyd and Rose Black formerly owned the property in question. At the time I got to know Floyd and Rose Black in 1967 they were pumping from the spring that Howard Black has filed on, and were irrigating several acres of land at that time. I have personally helped Floyd Black move the plastic pipe he was using to carry the water from the spring to the land in question. This would have been during the period of time from 1967 until approximately 1976.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Hardman
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