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JOHN E BURNS
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Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)

Dear Mr. Burns,

Pursuant to our telephone conversation this morning, this letter is an attempt to answer your questions and resolve any concerns you may have about your water right claims in the SRBA.

I have done a quick review of the claims you currently have on file with IDWR and include that information in the following table:

<u>Basin</u>	<u>Sequence</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Priority Date</u>	<u>Rate(cfs)</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Water Use(s)</u>
75	69	A	1888-05-01	0.23	11.5	CARMEN CREEK	IRRIGATION
75	70	A	1892-05-01	0.23	11.5	CARMEN CREEK	IRRIGATION
75	10061	A	1875-05-01	0.23	11.5	CARMEN CREEK	IRRIGATION
75	10062	A	1882-05-01	0.23	11.5	CARMEN CREEK	IRRIGATION

As you can see, the current claims are for a total of 0.92 cfs on 11.5 acres. Each claim was made for 1" per acre (0.23 cfs/11.5 acres/0.02 cfs per miner's inch). The combined flow rate claimed under all four claims is 0.08 cfs per acre, or 4" per acre on the 11.5 acres claimed. These claims are typical of claims made in the Carmen Creek area.

As we discussed, if you believe these claims do not represent your historic use of water in the Carmen Creek drainage, we encourage you to amend your claims. We could also receive additional claims at this time. It is important that your claims represent your actual historic use of Carmen Creek water so that we may proceed to describe them correctly.

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".

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