

CONVERSATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Date: August 20, 2002

From: Craig L. Saxton

Subject: SRBA claims **29-00299** and 29-00309

Claimant Lila Colling called today concerning low flow in Sawmill Creek. She was concerned that I had shut off Sawmill Creek water so she couldn't get water to irrigate around her home.

I told her that I had nothing to do with the low flow of Sawmill Creek and that it was probably due to the current drought situation. This was prompted by the fact that she had claimed irrigation on ground that is determined to be dry farmed. I told her that I could not recommend irrigation on this property in May of 2001 and she felt that I had altered the flow of the creek.

I did mention that Lila and the Forest Service are the only two people that claimed use of water from Sawmill Creek in the SRBA and she should check to see if someone upstream of her had blocked the creek flow. If that is the case, she needed to contact the Idaho Falls office for investigation.