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Meadow Creek Ranch
% David Bosen
2545 West 2400 North
Preston, ID 83263

Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Claim 27-74 and 27-102

Subject: DEVELOPMENT OF SPRINGS FOR DOMESTIC USE

Dear Claimant(s):

During my investigation work for the above referenced claims I did not find any additional claims or water rights for the domestic uses on the ranch. The GPS'd point of diversion (POD) and place of use (POU) of one of the cabins is located in the SESE of section 33, T4S, R42E.

Developing springs for domestic or stock watering requires a water right. If the springs were developed before the Mandatory Permit Statute date of May 20, 1971 then a beneficial use right could be established for the domestic use. A beneficial use right with a priority after the effective date of the mandatory permit statute may still be valid if the claimant can show that the appropriation was commenced prior to the effective date of the statute and completed with reasonable diligence.

Depending on when the development occurred will determine the options available to you. Since my network connection is not working at this time I'm recommending you visit our Idaho Falls office located at 900 North Skyline Drive, Suite A and discuss the best way to resolve it. If you have any further questions please feel free to give me a call at 547-3993 or our Idaho Falls office at 525-7161.

Respectfully,

Cindy E. Bird
Adjudication Bureau