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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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67-4498

Gordon & Russell Wilkerson

3251 HWY 95

CAMBRIDGE, ID 83610

RESPONSE DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

Re: Evidence of Priority Date

Dear Claimant:

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right (claim) identified with the number(s) shown above your name has been filed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). The claim indicates your water usage is based on "Beneficial Use" or a "Statutory Claim." Water rights of this type are established by the historic use of water, dating back to when water was first used for the purpose claimed. The date of first use, known as the priority date, has not been confirmed. **Proof must be provided by the claimant supporting the priority date claimed and the historic use of the water.**

Enclosed you will find a computer printout of your claim and the pamphlet entitled "Evidence of Priority." The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement. A map of the general area stated in your claim is also enclosed. If you irrigate, please outline the location of lands irrigated based on your claim, as well as the location of any points of diversion, if possible. If you have a claim other than irrigation, please outline the location of your place of use (i.e. house) and note the location of wells or other points of diversion. Please submit the completed map along with your evidence of priority. This will assist me in making a more accurate recommendation of your claim(s).

PLEASE NOTE: If no evidence is submitted, IDWR will recommend the SRBA Court decree the claim be disallowed. It will be to your advantage to provide clear and convincing evidence. If you choose to submit statements from individuals as evidence, the statement should be in the form of a notarized affidavit.

Please submit the required evidence supporting the priority date and the historic use by the date shown above, referencing all documents with the corresponding claim number. Send the documents in the enclosed envelope to assure it arrives at the correct location. If you have questions not covered by this letter or the enclosed pamphlet, please contact this office. You can contact the Basin 67 team via e-mail at B67questions@IDWR.idaho.gov. If you wish to call, our toll free number is 1-800-451-4129.

If you no longer own the property to which the claim is appurtenant, please forward this correspondence to the present owner, or return it to Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). If you have received this correspondence from the previous owner of the property, it is recommended that you file a Change of Ownership form with IDWR in order to receive future mailings and to participate in the Adjudication.

Sincerely,

Craig L. Saxton
Sr. Water Resource Agent
Adjudication Bureau

Enclosures



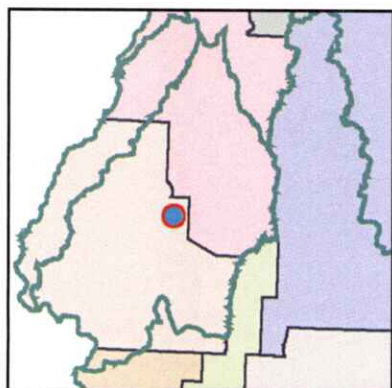
Idaho Department of Water Resources

Adjudication Claim Number: **67-4498**

T14N R02W

Legend

- PLS Sections
- GCDBQuarter Quarters



Washington County
IDWR Basin 67



0 0.1 0.2 Miles

Prepared by M. Van Bussum
On Thursday, September 1, 2005
1987 Aerial Photography

IN THE MATTER OF)
NOTICE OF CLAIM TO)
A WATER RIGHT NO. (S))

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State of Idaho)
County of Washington)

Russell Wilkerson being first duly sworn,
deposes and says: I, Russell Wilkerson will verify the
water on 17 acres in T14N R02W S09 SW SW, has been
used on this ground for irrigational use. This land borders
us. oldest established right in Allison Ditch is May 1
1887. The ditch to convey water to above property
was there 4 years before the claim to the property.
The Allison Ditch runs the full length of our ranch.
We are 5th generation ranchers on this land. I
have lived here 60 years and have seen the use
of this water while Donald S. Bright owned the property
in question. Upon his death my son and I purchased
the property and continued to irrigate and use
stock water on this land

Russell Wilkerson
(Signature)

DEBBIE S. MAXWELL
Notary Public
State of Idaho

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this
day 14 of October, 19th 2005.

Debbie S Maxwell
(Notary Public)

Residing at Council Id

My Commission Expires 8/24/07