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LINDA SIGEARS
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POCATELLO ID 83204-7314

RE: Snake River Basin Adjudication Claim (SRBA) 29-00494G

Dear Linda and Russell,

I met with Linda on July 31, 2001 to discuss a SRBA claim 29-00494G for irrigation use of Blackrock Creek water originally filed by the previous property owners Robert and Helen Scott. At that time, I gave Linda a copy of a Notice of Change in water right ownership to be filled out and returned to the office, thus putting the SRBA claim in your names. At this time, our office has not received the completed form.

For your convenience, I am enclosing another Notice in Change of water right ownership form and copy of the original claim. Please return the form to this office with a copy of your warranty deed showing conveyance of the property from the Scott's to yourself.

In addition, my initial investigation does not indicate that the Blackrock creek water has been put to beneficial use for some time. Idaho Code 42-222 states that a water right not put to beneficial use for a period of 5 consecutive years is subject to forfeiture. In order for the department to make a favorable recommendation for SRBA claim 29-00494G, you need to provide evidence of the last time Blackrock creek water was put to beneficial use on your property.

Examples of evidence could be: a notarized statement from the previous owners, or neighbors that have first hand knowledge of the water use; receipts for pump or sprinkler equipment; or dated photographs showing irrigation of the property.

Please feel free to contact me at 525-7161 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig L. Saxton
Water Resource Agent
Adjudication Bureau