

August 6, 2001

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RE: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Claims 29-02070, 29-02110, 29-02129, 29-02142, and 29-04244

Dear Dr. McDevitt,

I gathered some good information during my field exam on Tuesday 7/31/01. Thank you for taking the time to make arrangements for the gate to be unlocked. I believe I am gaining a better understanding of the historical water use.

I still have a couple remaining issues to work through concerning your water rights.

29-02142:

29-02142 is the right that you said irrigates the orchard. However, the place of use for this right was originally licensed for the same land as 29-02129 and 29-02110 (see green area on enclosed map and enclosed original license). You said in a previous meeting that the water irrigated the orchard when you acquired the property in 1970. Is this correct? And if it is, I am still unsure how the water gets to the orchard.

I found an old ditch (see POD location on map) that might have taken the water to the orchard, but it would have had to cross two different drainages.

I think you mentioned during a previous conversation that the water is diverted directly from the spring and then conveyed in a ditch to the orchard. Is this correct or was it diverted from the stream at the point represented on the enclosed map. I just wanted you to confirm, either by phone or mail, that the water can make it from the springs that supply Johnny Creek to the orchard.

29-04244:

This is the claim for Johnny Creek water to irrigate the 50 acres SE of the cabin. Enclosed is the priority evidence you provided in 1995. My question is which part of this evidence supports the 1908 priority date claimed?

29-02070:

For the irrigation around your cabin, do you pump directly from the pond, or do you take the water out of Johnny creek?

Conclusion:

Please look over the enclosed maps. Feel free to make any changes you feel necessary in order to more accurately describe your water rights. I think we are getting close to answering all of the questions I have had concerning your water use.

Respectfully submitted,

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