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La Verelle & Deanna Stecklein
757 W Riverton Rd
Blackfoot ID 83221

RE: New Preliminary Director's Report 27-00012B

Dear La Verelle & Deanna:

In reviewing the documents on file for water rights 27-12A and 27-12B I have revised the Preliminary Director's Reports we distributed in May 2005. Based on my analysis I have concluded the following.

- Water right 27-12 was decreed at a rate of 2.76 cubic feet per second (138 miners inches). The decreed place of use contained 139 acres in Lot 5 Section 8, Lot 1 Section 17, Lot 7 and the NWNE Section 18 Twp 03S Rge 35E. Harvey Coffman and yourself currently own this land.
- A deed recorded in Bingham County on June 1, 1917, describes the purchase of 50+ acres by Abbie S. Osborn together with the water rights. Ms. Osborn purchase included Lot 5 Section 8 and Lot 1 Section 17 containing 47.94 acres of the decreed place of use for 27-12. Though the water right was not identified her proportionate share of 27-12 would have been 0.96 cubic feet per second (48 miners inches). Harvey Coffman currently owns the property purchased by Ms. Osborn.
- After numerous property transactions between 1917 and 1990 you purchased the remainder of the decreed place of use being Lot 7 and the NWNE Section 18, which was part of the Stevens Ranch. The portion of 27-12 appurtenant to the decreed place of use you purchased is 1.80 cubic feet per second (90 miners) on 90 acres.
- The enclosed map shows the decreed place of use for 27-12 in green. The Stevens Ranch property is outlined in red.
- Claim 27-12B lists 128 irrigated acres for the property outlined in red.
- Since 27-12 only covers 90 acres of the 128 acres claimed there are 38 acres being irrigated without benefit of a water right.

Provided the additional 38 acres were irrigated prior to 1987 they are eligible for an enlargement claim. An enlargement claim allows additional acres to be irrigated in



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conjunction with a perfected water right. The rate of diversion is limited to the quantity of water under the parent right.

If you wish assistance in completing an enlargement claim please contact me. Lacking the enlargement claim I will have to limit the place of use on the Preliminary Director's Report for 27-12B to the 90 acres outlined in yellow on the attached aerial photo.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernest Carlsen
Water Rights Supervisor

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