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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Re: SRBA claims **67-545A, 67-11519, & 67-14067**

December 21, 2005

Dear Mr. Barstad:

I apologize for yet another request for assistance with your SRBA claims, but this particular issue should be relatively easy to address. After more research into 67-14067, which is the claim to a water right on the land you purchased from the Tarter Livestock Company, I believe that there are some issues that should be reconciled before continuing. Please refer to the maps that I have enclosed with this letter when addressing the following:

First, it appears to me that the land once owned by Tarter and irrigated out of the Mann Creek Ditch (the largest polygon outlined in yellow on the first map) is the ground that was decreed to 67-512. This decreed right has the same priority date (1874) and delivery system (Mann Creek Ditch) as the rights claimed by you in 67-11519 (outlined in blue on the first map). ***I would suggest removing this land from claim 67-14067 and adding it into your claim 67-11519.***

Second, the easternmost portion of land outlined in yellow on the first map is a portion of the land to which the decreed right 67-545 was originally decreed to. Prior to your purchase of this land, you had already claimed the other portion of this decreed right in 67-545A. Again, ***I would suggest that you allow me to remove this piece of land from 67-14067 and add it to 67-545A.***

Finally, the remaining land in 67-14067 is all delivered through the Cronwell Ditch (water right number 67-592), and this water right's decreed priority date is April 1, 1887. Currently, the claimed priority date for 67-14067 is 1921. ***I would suggest, if you wish to make the aforementioned changes, that you also allow me to change the claimed priority date of 67-14067 to April 1, 1887.***

The second map, entitled "Depiction of...", illustrates the three suggestions I have made above (in ***bold italics***). I think that, along with making your water rights more historically accurate and allowing them to describe the delivery system more intuitively, implementing these suggestions will give you more senior water rights on this land. If you understand them and wish to follow them, please sign and date the line below so I may make the changes. If you have any questions, please call me at your earliest convenience.



Donald Barstad

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Date

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please call, write, or email me on or before **January 20, 2006** so that I may recommend your SRBA claims in a timely and accurate manner. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- Maps (2p)



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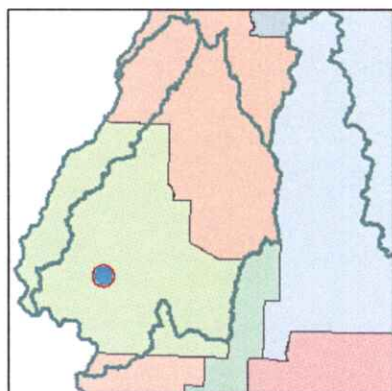
Mann Creek Water Rights Currently Claimed by Barstad

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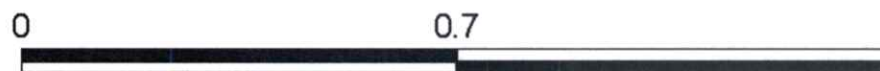
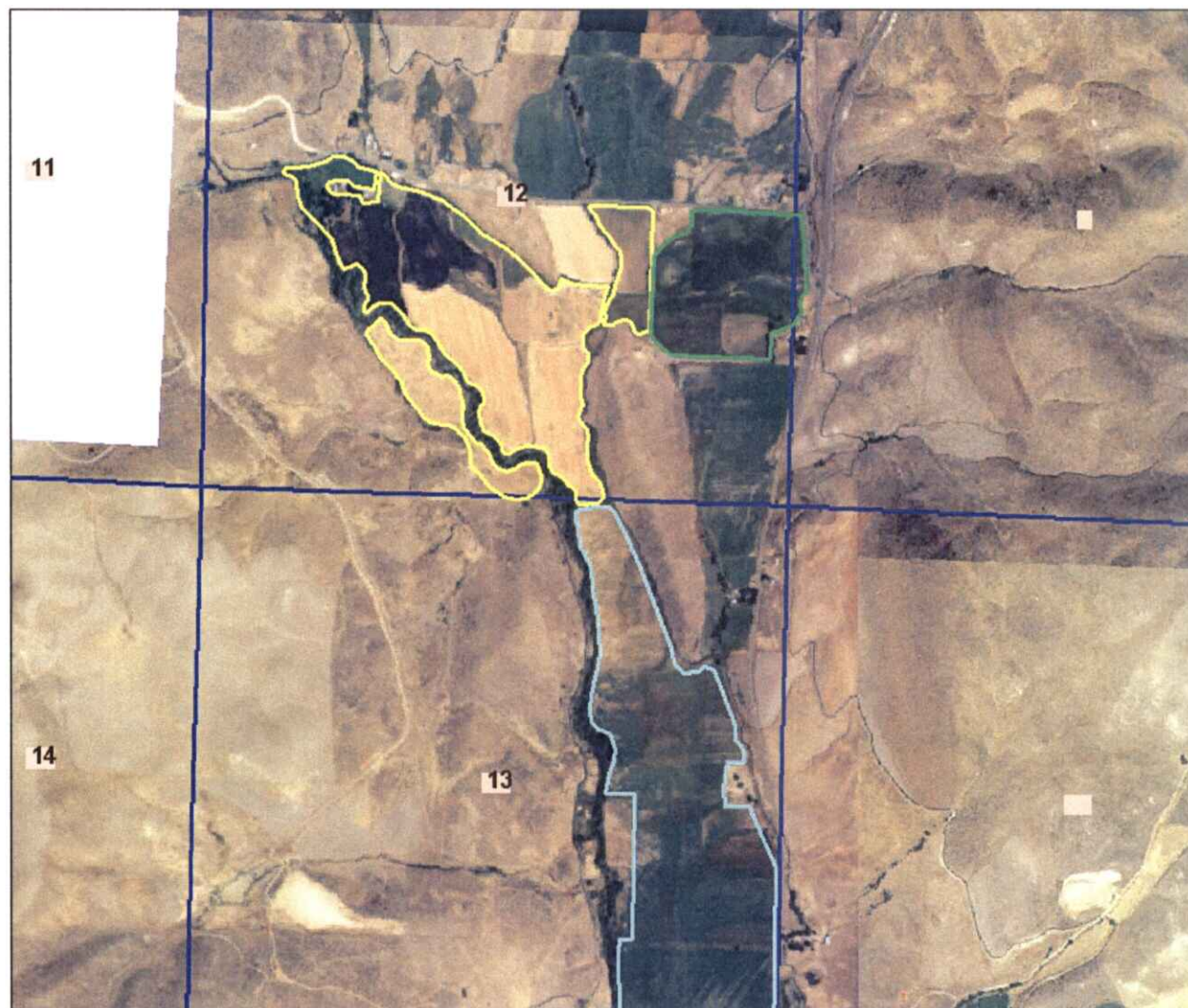
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Selected Barstad Claims (and priority)

- 67-11519 (1874)
- 67-14067 (1921)
- 67-545A (1884)
- Section Lines



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*Depiction of How I Think
These Claims Should Look*

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T12N R05W

Legend

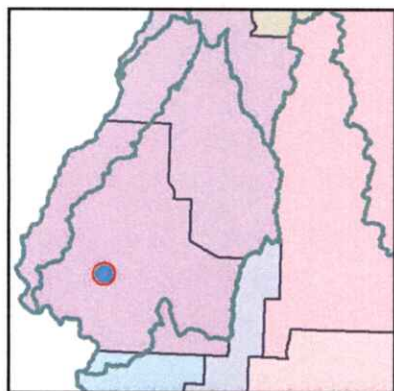
Selected Barstad Claims (and priority)

11519

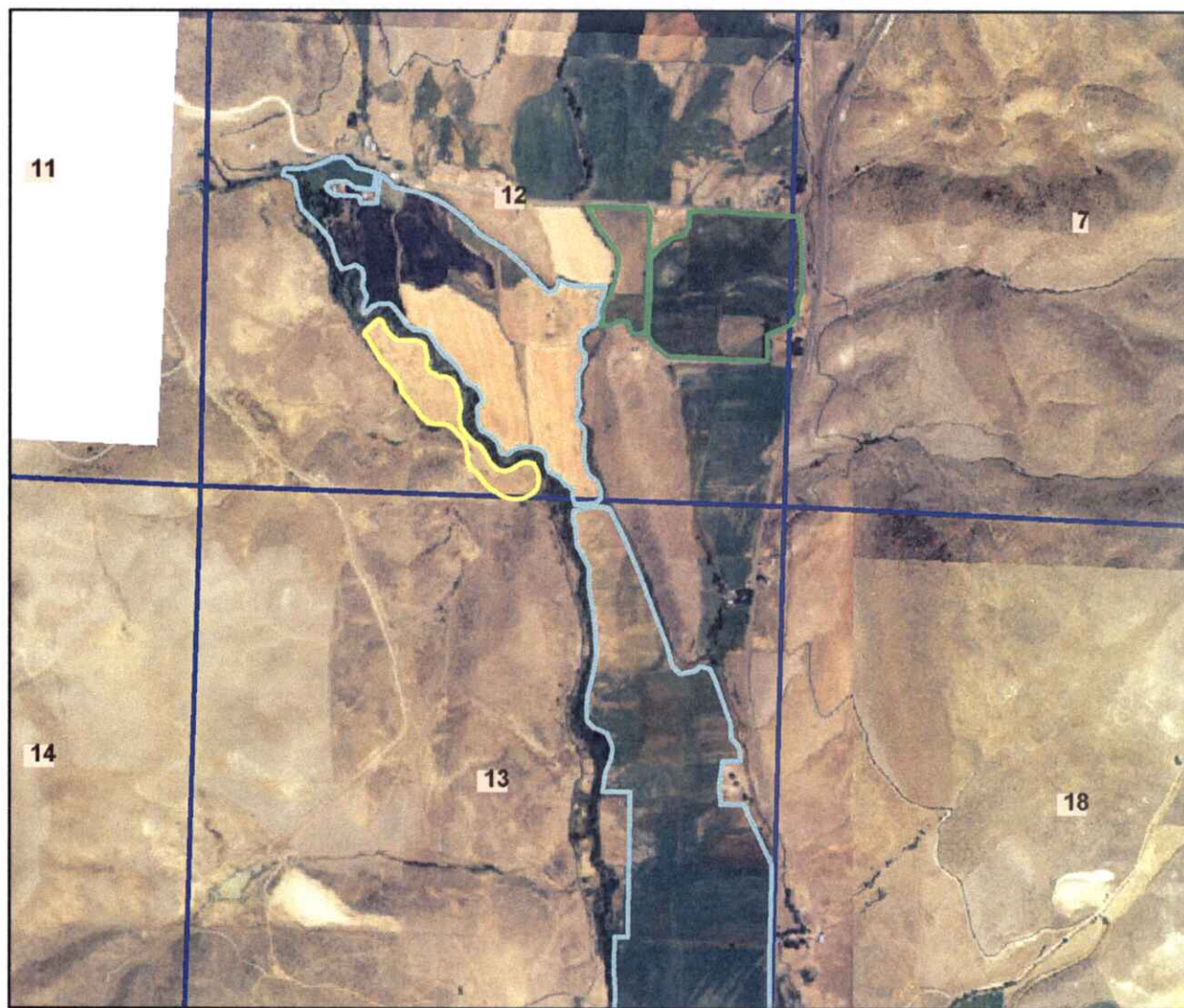
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