



State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Governor

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Director

December 30, 2004

LaVerelle Stecklein
757 West Riverton Road
Blackfoot, ID 83221

Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Claim No.: 26A

Subject: Copy of Warranty Deed

RESPONSE DATE: January 14, 2005

Dear Claimant(s):

Our office is reviewing your claim listed above. We are trying to tie it to the 1883, Daniel Miller water. We have several warranty deeds from you, but nothing covering Township 3 South, Range 34 East, in the SESE of Section 13, or the NWNE and SWNE of Section 24.

Please provide this office with a copy of your warranty deed for this area, who you purchased the property from.

Your response must be received by the response date shown above. If no response is received then the above referenced claim will not be recommended as decreed Miller water.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 547-3993.

Respectfully,

Pauline Bassett



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November 23, 2004

Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Claim: 27-26A

Subject: CLAIM RECOMMENDATION - DISALLOW

Dear Claimant(s):

Please be advised that since we have had no response from you, we will recommend to the Court that the above referenced claim be disallowed.

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October 29, 2004

Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Claim 27-26A

Subject: EVIDENCE OF PRIORITY

Response Date: November 12, 2004

Dear Claimant (s):

The Idaho Department of Water Resources is currently investigating water right claims in Basin 27. IDWR's information indicates that your water right claim is based on a water right decreed in *Stevens v. Eastern Idaho Water Co.*, to Daniel Y. Miller. This water right was decreed for 100 inches (2.0 cfs) with an April 1, 1883, priority date. This water right was numbered sometime after the decree by IDWR as water right no. 27-26.

The Department has received multiple claims to this water right, in order to make a complete and accurate recommendation of your water right; each element of the water right must be proven. The Department needs information that shows you are a successor to the original Daniel Miller water right. This could be established through deeds or other conveyance documents that show you own a portion of the original water right. Documents we have already are as follows:

- 1900 Daniel Miller to John Kent
- 1910 John Kent to Robert Allen Thomson
- 1938 Sheriff's sale: Robert Allen Thomson estate to Federal Land Bank
- 1945 Federal Land Bank to Albert Bell

Also in 1900 Daniel Miller to William Hancock
and in 1901 Daniel Miller to Berry Ball

We need a clear chain of deeds from Mr. Miller to you. Please provide us with a copy of your warranty deed along with any warranty deeds that may connect you, with one of the Daniel Miller lines listed above. Mail correspondence to IDWR, 15 West Center St., Soda Springs, ID 83276 by the response date. If you have any questions not covered by this letter, feel free to contact me at 547-3993.

Respectfully,

Pauline Bassett

enclosure: Evidence of Priority