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Mr. Douglas Jones, P.E.
Water Rights Supervisor
Idaho Department of Water Resources
1341 Fillmore Street
Suite 200
Twin Falls, ID 83301-3380

RE: Water right claims 37-4061 and 37-20820 (split from 37-4049)

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have attached notarized affidavits from the previous water right owner (Gwinn Rice Ranch, Inc.) as to the priority date and use of the above water rights. Mrs. Lena Rice and Mr. James Rice provided these affidavits in February 2002 when the Idaho Department of Fish and Game acquired the property from Gwinn Rice Ranch, Inc. Their affidavits did not include mention of the quantity of water associated with either claim. I have also attached handwritten records obtained from Mr. James Rice as to the amount of hay produced from the lands irrigated by the above water rights for the years 1986, 1988, 1989, 1993, and 1995-1997.

If you have further questions or information needs, please contact me at 287-2715 or Mike McDonald in our Jerome office at 324-4359.

Sincerely,

Cindy Robertson
Staff Biologist

cc: Mike McDonald, Magic Valley Region

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IN THE MATTER OF
NOTICE OF CLAIM TO
WATER RIGHT NO
A37-4049

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I, Lena M. Rice, state from my personal knowledge that the water identified in claim no. A37-4049 has been diverted from a spring located at T02S R11E SEC01, NWNE and used for irrigation and stockwater since 4/15/1939 on the following lands: T02 R11E SEC 01 NWNE, SWNE, SENE; SE ¼ ; and T02S R12E SEC06 SWNW. The water is used to irrigate approximately 45 acres and provide stockwater for approximately 500 cow-calf pairs.

Lena M. Rice

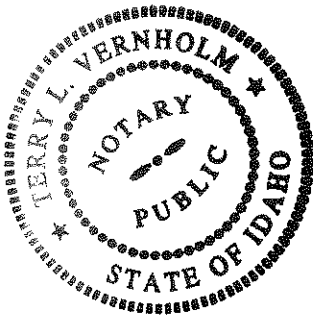
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day

25th of February, 2002.

Terry L. Vernholm

Residing at Emmett, ID

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I, Lena N. Rice, state from my personal knowledge that the water identified in claim no. A37-4061 has been diverted from Camas Creek at two points T02S R11E SEC01, NESE and SESE and used for irrigation since 6/01/1939 on the following lands: T02S R11E SEC01 SE ¼; T02S R12E SEC05 NE ¼; NW ¼; NWSW; and SWSW; T02S R12E SEC06 NE ¼; SW ¼; SE ¼; SWNW; and SENW. The water is used to irrigate 1026 acres and produced between 150 and 2200 tons of hay between 1939 and 1999.

Lena N. Rice

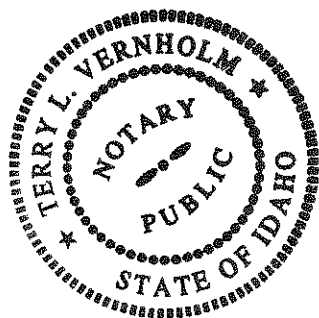
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x James E. Rice

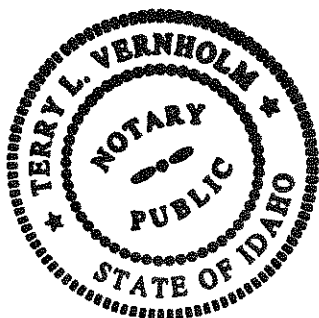
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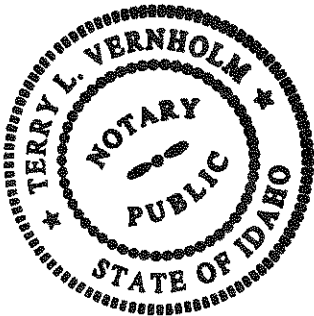
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