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RE: Amendment of Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Claim 29-04099

Dear Marc,

I appreciate all of the help you have given me while reviewing the history of your and your neighbors water rights.

While reviewing your claim, I have a couple of other questions.

Enclosed, is a map that shows what I see as the potential recommended irrigated place of use. There is a section to the south of the property that I don't know how you get water to the land by flood irrigation. Aerial photography doesn't indicate a pipe over the Portneuf slough. **In order to recommend that piece of property as irrigated land, I need to know how water gets to the property.**

In addition, look over the map and if you think left out some irrigated land, or included some land that isn't irrigated, make those changes on the map and explain to me how you get Portneuf river water to the property and return it to this office.

Secondly, if you irrigate all of the land indicated on the enclosed map, I feel I can support a greater diversion rate than you claimed. You claimed 1.82 cfs for 100 acres. The enclosed map shows 96 acres. If I can support 96 acres of irrigated land, I can recommend a diversion rate of 1.92 cfs. I feel it would be to your benefit to amend the claim for a greater diversion rate.

Enclosed is an amended claim for a diversion rate of 2.0 cfs. Please look over the claim and initial any changes you wish to make. When satisfied, sign the claim in front of a notary and return it to this office as soon as possible.

Please understand that my recommendation to the SRBA court may not be exactly as described on the amended claim or the map. The amended claim most likely describes a greater diversion rate and acreage than I will recommend. However, amending the claim for more than I can recommend gives us some flexibility.

I apologize for the inconvenience. Please feel free to contact me at (208) 334-2190 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig L. Saxton
Water Resource Agent
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