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REF: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)  
Claim 29-4429

Subject: Legal Description and priority date

Dear Mr. Wallace,

The mission of the SRBA is to accurately describe water rights in the Snake River Basin. To do this, the Department will need some additional information from the Church on the Chesterfield Ward Property. Mr. Hill described a 1953 document that describes the Church property. I would like a copy of that document for my files. I feel this will help with the legal description and priority date issues. I want to make sure that by adding Lot 1 to the legal description it will solve the discrepancy on the legal description.

As you know, the State of Idaho requires evidence to support the priority date on a beneficial use claims on all water uses. The Church filed on an April 1, 1952 priority date. The file contains an affidavit referring to construction of the Chesterfield Ward property in the spring of 1954. The priority date must consist of a Month, Day and year. The Church will need to provide additional documentation to the Department describing when the water was put to beneficial use for domestic and irrigation. When was the Church finished? What type of irrigation system was used in 1954? Or was the irrigation put in at a later time?

We will need some additional information on the pump system to determine beneficial use. The pump is a submersible pump so we weren't able to determine the horsepower of the pump. What was the original horsepower of the pump? What is the pressure head in pounds per square inch (psi)? Also, what is the elevation head in feet? Has the pump been replaced with a larger pump in recent years?

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me at (208) 547-3993.

Sincerely,

Cindy E. Bird  
Adjudication Bureau