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Norton Ditch Co.
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Norton Ditch Co. claim 75-4207 was recommended "No lawful appropriation shown" primarily because of lack of support for a priority date. The material supplied by the company, including several deeds, land patents, and homestead entry certificates and a posted notice for water from Bridge Creek, were deemed insufficient to support a claim of water from the Salmon River put to beneficial use on the priority date claimed.

If you believe that additional information in support of claim number 75-4207 can be found, please enter "Disallowed" in section 1., enter "Priority Date" in section 2., and enter a brief summary of what materials the company hopes to provide to better support the claimed priority date in section 3. of the Notice of Error Reply. Examples of evidence of priority may include information on the construction of the Norton Ditch and Homestead Entry Surveys. For additional information on Evidence of Priority, please see the enclosed pamphlet.

Additionally, enclosed is a map of the Norton Ditch Co. service area and irrigated acres served by the company. Please review the area within which the Norton Ditch Co. delivers water to its users as well as the delineated boundary to make sure that all the land serviced by the company as of 1987 is included. The green service area boundary is the general area the Norton Ditch Co. serves where as the yellow dotted areas are the areas where water is applied. The sum total of areas identified as where water is applied is where the total acres figure is derived. The total acre figure is listed on the preliminary recommendation under Place of Use.

If changes are required to the boundary or area where water is applied, please draw directly onto the map with a dark or silver pen to indicate any additional changes or omissions then mail the map back to me at the address below. On the Notice of Error Reply, in section 1. enter "POU", in section 2. enter "See map sent to Danielle Favreau". Please note that areas where there are roads, railways, ponds, driveways, major canals and laterals, and homes are not normally considered areas where water is applied. If no changes are required, simply complete the Notice of Error Reply addressing your other concerns or agreeing with the proposed recommendation(s).

Please call or write me if you need additional maps, or if the map needs to be expanded to include areas not shown but served by Norton Ditch Co.

Sincerely,

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Enc: Map of the Norton Ditch Co.; Evidence of Priority pamphlet

