

EASTERN IDAHO GRAZING ASSOCIATION

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October 23, 2002

Idaho Dept of Water Resources
Attn: Cindy Bird
15 W Center
Soda Springs, ID 83276

Re: Evidence of Priority
Claim No. A27-4102

Dear Ms. Bird,

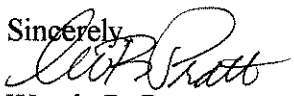
The Eastern Idaho Grazing Association was formed in 1916 for the primary purpose of buying, leasing or otherwise acquiring grazing lands. At that time, many small acreages were in the hands of the early homesteaders and the range was heavily stocked. The state also had lands intermingled in many places with these homestead claims. Our Association began leasing lands from the state of Idaho in 1916. It is clear from early records that we also leased many homesteads, as it would have been difficult to fence out these small parcels.

The portion of Section 12 of this right was purchased in 1947, however, we had the state ground surrounding this 40 acres on three sides, leased from the State of Idaho by 1930, and an adjacent parcel by 1917. For this reason, I believe that our priority claim may need to be amended to an earlier date. I hereby request additional time to make this decision.

The portions of Sections 33 and 34 of this right were purchased in 1948 from an individual that already had grazing rights with us, so the animals would have moved freely between owners. We also had adjoining state land leased in 1930, perhaps earlier. For these reasons, I believe that our priority claim may need to be amended to an earlier date. I hereby request additional time to make this decision.

Our Association is governed by a Board of Directors that will meet in early winter, at which time we will review evidence gathered and make a decision as to an amended claim. Any information you can give me regarding avenues of research would be appreciated.

Sincerely,


Wendy R. Pratt
Secretary

Enclosure: state lease

