



Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

TRIBAL WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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RE: Water Right No. 27-11995

Dear Water Claimant:

In May of 2006 the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes ("Tribes") filed objections to your water right claim because the point of diversion or place of use is located on Tribal land within the Fort Hall Reservation. Thirty-one water rights indicate a point of diversion from the Stevens/Central ditch which is located at Section 30, T. 3 S., R. 35 E., on Tribal Allotment No. T3143.

We have discussed, with two claimants, the option of the Tribes leasing its property, where the diversion is presently located, to water users who divert water from the Blackfoot River. The lease may resolve a portion of the Tribes' objection to your water right. I am enclosing a proposed lease for real property located on the Fort Hall Reservation for your consideration. The lease includes your water right claim.

If you have any questions regarding the lease contact me at (208) 239-4580.

Sincerely,

Elese D. Teton
Tribal Water Engineer

cc: Jeanette Wolfley, SBT Special Counsel
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