

July 22, 1997

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Mr. Bob Rowe
General Delivery
Gibbonsville, Idaho 83463

Dear Bob: RE: Anderson Creek irrigation ditch and request to repair stream bed

The Idaho Division of Water Resources has informed me that there is a requirement for a Federal and State "Joint Application for Permit". If you have any questions on this, please call Eric Verner of the IDWR in Idaho Falls at 525-7161 or Bob Foster in Salmon at 756-6644.

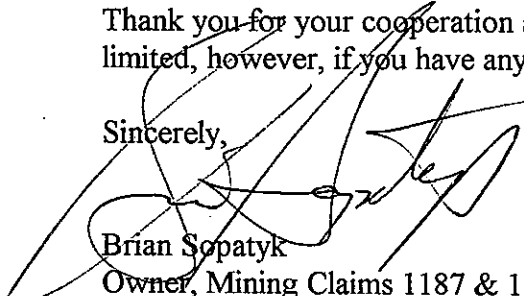
It is my understanding work which is done directly at the head gate does not require a permit. But, any distance from the head gate does require a permit and a review of the area and proposed work prior to commencing any work.

Therefore, I have been advised to notify you, as a representative of the water association, to notify all parties, as association members and as individuals, to stop any work in process immediately and to stay off my private property until this can be sorted out. Further, I understand that your association does have some rights in respect to the ditch up to the head gate. So that there is a better understanding of the rights of the association, please phone Bob Foster with IDWR in Salmon at 756-6644.

As in the past, a continuing dialogue about any proposed work or any emergency work done to the ditch on my property would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. My knowledge with these circumstances is limited, however, if you have any questions please call me at 342-6800.

Sincerely,



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