

RECEIVED

Rowena T. & James R. Quinn
P.O. Box 1473
Carmen, Idaho 83462

FEB 01 2010

January 24, 2010

DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Honorable Terrance A. Dolan
Snake River Basin Adjudication
P.O. Box 2702
Twin Falls, Idaho 833303

Dear Special Master Dolan:

We are extremely concerned over recent communications from the Idaho Department of Water Resources involving our water rights. One is a November 24, 2009 letter from Mr. Gary Spackman advising that rights 75-14539 and 14541 have been recommended by the Director, and a recommended denial for right 14540. The other is a voluminous report of January 14, 2010 by the Department recommending approval for rights 14539 and 14541 (above) and silent on 14540 as well as right 75-00061Q.

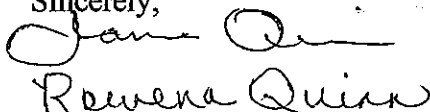
We were under the impression that all subcases challenged by Mr. Al Fols (Attorney Travis Thompson) had been consolidated and that we were represented by Mr. Ray Rigby. However, it appears that we may be represented in only one subcase and on our own in three of the subcases. It may be academic at this point, however, as apparently the Department's actions have completely disrupted our case by reversing the distribution of the key rights and splitting our group of defendants.

At this time our group has invested thousands of dollars in our legal defense based on the Director's recommendation in January of 2007, only to find three years later that we may now have to start over with new counsel. The Department has ignored the actual physical and historic evidence of water use on our property for the past 122 years and decided to accept the word of an individual to the contrary.

Please note that the Department has previously acknowledged to us that they "misfiled" the original claims by our predecessors, the Hamiltons, and as a result we had to go through the "late claim" process with attendant attorney fees and confusion. This was further confused by the Department and BLM misreading the legal description of the point of diversion, confusing us with individuals of the same name in a different part of the State, and requiring more procedural court steps rather than simply correcting their error.

We strongly urge that the Court insist upon a full examination of this case and the report. We ask that the court also recognize we need some additional time to prepare our objections as we apparently need to seek new counsel or represent ourselves, either of which introduces significant confusion, additional time, and expense.

Sincerely,



Rowena and James Quinn

Copies to:

Rigby Law Office
25 North Second Street
P.O. Box 250
Rexburg, Idaho 83449

Clerk of the District Court
Snake River Basin Adjudication
253 Third Ave. North
P.O. Box 2707
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2707

Director of IDWR ✓
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

U.S. Department of Justice
Environment & Natural Resources
550 West Fort Street, MSC 033
Boise, Idaho 83724

Court: Please advise if additional copies of this letter must be distributed. Thank you.