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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: irrigation well ID 423143 permit 853406

We purchased this property in the spring of 2010 from the Holbrook Family Trust. After we bought the property we started cleaning it up. We hauled around \$10K in scrap iron off this property and built fences. While scrapping, we took an engine of approximately 100 horsepower and drive shaft that was located near the 16-inch irrigation well. The engine was of no use to us because of its age and condition. We believe that it was used to pump water from the well using a gear head and turbine pump. It appears that it ran into several ditches located on the property and was used in a mainline and sprinkler pipe. There was a farm auction held here prior to us acquiring the property, and we were told that there was sprinkler pipe and other equipment that was sold as per (Nephew) Troy Davids. There is still some old scrap mainline and hand line left on the property.

The well was drilled in October 1961 for irrigation use. It was drilled shortly after the dam on 18-Mile creek washed out. Historic records indicate that the dam washed out in the late 1940's and was rebuilt to specifications from the Idaho Water Board in the early 1950's and the dam washed out again around 1960. The 16-inch well was drilled in October 1961 and was used to irrigate this property as per Lynn Stanger of Bancroft who farmed over 6000 acres in this area and ran a local gas service station up until the early 1970's. Lynn Stanger is about the only person left in this area that remembers the day this well was drilled and knew Mr. Holbrook.

A few neighbors to this area tell of Mr. Holbrook freeing up the well because of his fear of Y2K. They say that he wanted to be able to drop a 5-gallon bucket and rope down into the irrigation well because he feared that the power grid would fail and there would be a shortage of fuel and he would be left without water to drink.

It appears that this well was used along with the surface water from 18-Mile Creek. As seen in one of the pictures that we sent showing a main line and ditch there is an area in the ditch that has been washed out from what appears to have been water pouring out of a mainline pipe. The property was then placed into the CRP program in the spring of 1987 and the irrigation was not needed or used from 1987 to 2009 when the CRP program ended and the property was sold to us.

We feel that Mr. Holbrook did not complete the proper forms that were sent to him by certified mail about the 1988 adjudication process due to his historic use on the surface water and ground water from this creek and well. Along with his age and failing health we feel his intention was that he would not live long enough to use this water for crops again in his life time or simply figured the property was in CRP and it did not require water from a creek or well and did not care at that time due to his wife's failing health, or possibly he did not understand the process of the adjudication.

We feel that he did not have an irrigation well drilled just to look at in his field. This was used and records at the Caribou County tax office show an irrigation well on this property along with drillers' reports from the Idaho Dept Water Recourses. In our title report it shows water rights on 18-Mile creek and this well. On a side note: We have a hand drawn map from Jacob Jenson who homesteaded this property and was the first to dam up this creek. He used ditches to water crops on this property. Our information shows he used water on or before 1899 and filed on the dam in the early 1900's when the dam was built. His map shows an irrigation ditch that he dug and now is being called the creek bed.

In 2011 we spoke with Chris at the Idaho Department of Water Resources and filed on the water rights on 18-Mile Creek and this 16-inch irrigation well and had our name changed and we thought we had this issue resolved in our 2011 water court date as we have been using water out of 18-Mile creek to

irrigate with. We put a used $\frac{3}{4}$ horse pump in the well and have tested the water for livestock at bout 13-gallons per min was pumped for about 24hrs with no drop in static water level. The well is about 113ft with a static water level at 56ft.

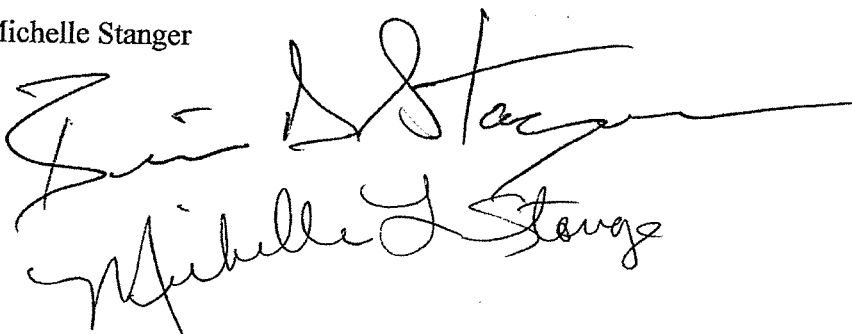
We currently have two bids for a 7-tower pivot and 75hp pump from local irrigation companies. We are told that for 120 acres of land we need 700 gallons per minute out of this well. We were also told that if this well was used in the past for flood irrigation that it would have had to produce more water than the 700 gallons needed to irrigate with a pivot. Along with the bids we have bids to pull in power from Stalker Rd. at a cost of \$44K for the 1960ft of power cable and additional \$15k to hook up the power from Rocky Mountain Power. Our intentions is to move the point of diversion of this 16-inch well closer to Stalker Road and drill another well closer to the power lines. This would save us money and the need of ripping in power over 1960ft. We have checked into an engine drive setup for this current well and with the price of fuel it's not cost effective at this time. In reference to having this well tested for GPM, it would cost \$6k and \$150 per hour after 8-hours, along with renting a power unit. We felt we would be money ahead just to move the point of diversion and drill a new well closer to power near Stalker Road.

We have taken pictures of this well and a fuel tank that is still located next to the well along with pictures of the irrigation ditches used to flood irrigate and some sprinkler pipe that was used to irrigate this property. There are 7-grain bins (the last of which was built in the 1980's) on this 160-acre property with a total capacity of about 23 thousand bushels indicating this property was not dry farmed but was irrigated to produce so much grain. The total number of acres that could be irrigated is around 120.3 acres as far as we can tell from using a satellite map from the FSA office and talking with the Farm Service Agency and the irrigation companies that gave us the bids. We have tried to use the 18-Mile Creek water to irrigate and have only had luck of watering 6.3 acres of this land due to the small amount of water in the creek. Without replacing the damn on 18-Mile Creek, this amount of water cannot water 120 acres at this time. Along with the numerous permits and expert designs and damage to the natural stream bed and ecosystem we feel that this surface water is a thing of the past and cannot be used in a practical manor to raise a crop without replacing the dam on 18-Mile Creek and taking a chance of another washed out of the dam and property damage.

Our intentions for use of the water on 18-Mile Creek and this 16 inch well is to produce pasture, hay, and to provide water for our livestock. We would like to use this water in a more conservative way by using innovative irrigation equipment maximizing water use by a center pivot watering around 120 acres. We have checked into a pivot and understand it's more efficient than the historic flood and sprinkler methods that were used on this property in the past. We hope that this is enough information for the court. The shortness of time, limited amount of materials and other matters limiting the need for information about this is truly frustrating to us and wish this matter completed and done. If by some chance we find additional information we will gladly forward it to you.. Please feel free to call us on any other matters with this water and court dates and if needed we can definitely appear in Boise if needed.

Thank You for your Time

Brian and Michelle Stanger

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is for Brian Stanger, written in a cursive, flowing style. The bottom signature is for Michelle Stanger, also in cursive, positioned directly below the first signature.