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Re: Claim #s 95-10158 and 95-12845

Dear Ms. Werner,

I am in receipt of your letter dated May 18, 2017 regarding the above referenced claims. I apologize for the long delay in getting back to you on this, but life once again intervened.

Regarding claim #95-12845, I have attached a change of ownership form, along with the warranty deed and a map showing the domestic well location as the department's preliminary recommendation was for a domestic claim.

Additionally, I have attached a new notice of claim for this same parcel for irrigation use (per your letter) with a map showing the original diversion location in the historic creekbed as well as the current location (which is on the adjacent parcel, owned by us and referenced in claim #95-10158). Our previous conversation covered that the submersible pump is used for irrigation on this parcel as well as the three parcels referenced in claim #95-10158). I have also attached the affidavits signed by Byron Gage attesting to his personal knowledge of the original diversion from Wolf Lodge Creek, which was for irrigation purposes from 1949 to present, as well as for domestic purposes from 1951 until 1971, when the groundwater well was drilled. I have attached a check for \$103.00 for this new claim.

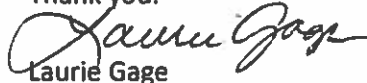
Regarding claim #95-10158, it looks to me like the preliminary recommendation on this claim is for irrigation use, so I have attached a new claim for domestic water rights along with a map showing the groundwater well location, originally drilled in 1989. I have attached a check for \$100.00 for this new claim.

I am a little uncertain though about the preliminary recommendation on claim #95-10158 as the explanatory notes indicate "No beneficial use found." Does this mean that the irrigation claim has been denied? Do I need to provide some additional material or documents of some kind? Another affidavit from Byron Gage attesting to his ongoing use of the submersible pump to irrigate the 3 parcels/15 acres from 1970 to 2016 when title was transferred to us? He continues to irrigate the 15 acres currently for us in our absence. Let me know what I should do to ensure that our claim for that irrigation usage is acceptable.

Thank you for your patience in this matter as I work my way through the complexities of the paperwork. I'm hoping this will take care of things and clarify that we have a total of four claims: 95-10158 for irrigation, a new claim to accompany 95-10158 but for domestic purposes, 95-12845 for domestic and a new claim to accompany 95-12845 but for irrigation purposes.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.


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