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From: Roda, Evan
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 9:11 AM
To: 'Wayne Thompson'
Subject: RE: water right claim 87-10336

Good Morning Mr. Thompson,

Water Right Claim no. 87-10336 was recommended for only in-stream stock watering in the unnamed stream passing through your property. The multiple sources and uses claimed cannot all be included on one claim form, and a separate claim should be filed for the use of your wells (groundwater). Latah County records for parcel no. RP41N05W085448 indicate a year built of 1897 (for the home or outbuildings), which can be claimed as priority if that is when water was first put to beneficial use for that purpose.

The sub-irrigation you have referred to appears to be in a naturally occurring stream drainage. If that irrigation is the result of a constructed water delivery system, evidence must be submitted to reflect when the irrigation system was installed and to what extent. Any irrigation of more than ½ acre in connection with a domestic use that starts after March 25, 1963 (groundwater) or May 20, 1971 (surface water) must be filed for through the permit system.

It was confirmed through review of historical aerial photos that your pond was constructed after 1981, as you have also stated in your email. As this pond was constructed to impound surface water after the mandatory permit statute (May 20, 1971), an Application for Permit must be filed for its usage. Our water allocation agents will be happy to assist you through that process.

Please feel free to contact me or our Northern Regional Office for any additional questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

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Mr. Roda,

I received your recent letter regarding my water right claim. Is the only question regarding an established date of construction/use for the pond? What I'm seeing is an "application for permit" for the pond, built in 1987

(letter states 1897). My great aunt allowed this pond to be built by Idaho Fish and Game in 1987, partially for use as a goose nesting site as well as water storage for her hay and livestock. Do I now need to apply for a permit, and pay an application fee, for something that was done more than 30 years ago?

Is the rest of my claim being recommend as applied for, with just the pond needing additional paperwork? The "Please Note" section seems to address "in-stream stockwater", but I also have two wells, surface runoff, the pond, and what has historically been referred to as a "subirrigated" hay bottom drainage.

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