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Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Dear Mr. Skinner:

As you recall, in December of 2021 we filed a Notice of Abandonment of Water Right 36-11110 with your office. Upon review, we would like to revoke this notice and have water right 36-11110 reactivated in the Department's records.

Water right 36-11110 is an irrigation right that is used in combination with water rights 36-2512 and 36-8412 in a currently recorded 408-acre shared place of use. Water right 36-2512 was developed first for 100 acres, water right 36-11110 was decreed in January of 2002 for the enlargement of 100 additional acres, and water right 36-8412 was licensed in March of 2002 for 300 additional acres. Water right 36-8412 includes conditions limiting the three rights to 408 acres and 1630 acre-feet. It appeared that right 36-2512 and right 36-8412 were adequate to irrigate our farm, actually less than 400 irrigated acres, and that the amount of water and acres described by 36-2512 and 36-8412 would be enough and right 36-11110 was not necessary (water right 36-8412 covered at least some, if not all, the same acres as 36-11110). Therefore, the notice was filed to abandon water right 36-11110. However, when preparing a transfer application to adjust the rights to reflect actual acres being irrigated on the farm, it was discovered that the volume for the 100 acres under 36-2512 would be 400 acre-feet, and the rate (0.95 cfs) for right 36-8412 will only produce 463.5 acre-feet and that the total for the two rights is nowhere near the 1630 acre-feet anticipated (condition on right 36-2512). Apparently, right 36-11110 provides additional volume for the same acres licensed under right 36-2512, but still not enough for the 1630 acre-feet listed in the condition. It appears that right 36-11110 is needed to provide the necessary volume to irrigate the acres described on license 36-8412.

Water right 36-11110 is an irrigation right that was used last irrigation season (2021) and until the irrigation season starts this year (2022) we will not have had the opportunity to actually not use (abandon) the water right. Therefore, we request that water right be 36-11110 reactivated in the Department's records and our December 2021 Notice of Abandonment not be recognized.

Thank you for your consideration,


Craig D Hepworth


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