

MEMO

Date: September 26, 2019
From: Paula Dillon
RE: Water Permit 65-13958

I initiated a phone call to Dan Surmeier to try to get a field exam scheduled. Dan also expressed an interest in licensing the permit. He said the well pump was currently not working due to a storm that knocked out a power pole a few years ago. We discuss the way his system works. The well is close to the pond (closer than our mapping shows) and runs into the pond. There are a lot of springs along that hillside, so the well is not very deep (about 10 feet). It is the Surmeiers' intent to use this water in dry years by pumping it up the hill from the pond and then using it irrigate, letting the wastewater drain down across the acreage. He said they had never put that system in since it costs money to both run the well and pump the water up the hill.

I told Dan that it may be possible to license the permit without the pump currently working. He would need to provide some proof that the well was operating previously. He said that he recalled people being out to his place before, walking around, and thought that an exam had already taken place. I told him I would look in to that.



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September 18, 2019

Drew Surmeier
1775 SW 1st Avenue
Fruitland, ID 83619

RE: Field Exam for Water Right Permit No. 65-13958

Dear Mr. Surmeier,

When I spoke with you on the phone on September 9 you indicated you were interested in pursuing the licensing of this permit. When I followed up with an email that afternoon I suggested September 18 for the exam and asked for confirmation. Since I did not receive an email confirmation of that date, I phoned and left voice mail messages twice in the days before the exam date. Because I was unable to contact you the exam was cancelled.

If you are still interested in pursuing the licensing of this water right permit, please contact me no later than **September 27, 2019** to schedule the required exam. If I have not received a response by this date, the process to void this permit will begin.

Enclosed is a Relinquishment of Permit form in the event you choose to voluntarily terminate the licensing process. It will need to be signed by your grandmother who is the permit holder, or her Agent, and mailed to me at the address below.

Sincerely,

Paula Dillon
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Boise, ID 83720-0098
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Enclosure: Relinquishment of Permit form

MEMO

Date: September 17, 2019
From: Paula Dillon
RE: Water Permit 65-13958

I called Drew Surmeier this morning and left a voice message asking him to call and confirm the field exam for tomorrow. No response has been received from the email sent on September 9.

Late this afternoon I called again and left a message that the field exam for tomorrow is cancelled unless I hear from him by 5 pm.

Dillon, Paula

From: Dillon, Paula
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 2:01 PM
To: drewsurmeier@gmail.com
Subject: Water Permit 65-13958

Hi Drew,

I wanted to thank you for your phone call this morning. Attached is a pdf of some docs you may find helpful in understanding the permit and its evolution.

I would like to propose a date for the field exam:

Wednesday, 9 am
September 18, 2019

Please let me know if this works for you or if you need another date/time, preferably during the irrigation season. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email.

Sincerely,

Paula

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Permit 65_13958
docs.pdf

MEMO

Date: September 9, 2019
From: Paula Dillon
RE: Water Permit 65-13958

Drew Surmeier telephoned this morning in response to the letter I mailed on September 3. He is very definitely interested in pursuing the licensing of the permit. He said his father knows the farm and water situation the best and he would coordinate with him so that they could both be there for an exam. He also gave me his father's name and contact info. I told Drew I needed to check my calendar and that I would get back to him later that day with a date for the exam. He gave me his email address for that purpose.

Drew Surmeier
1775 SW 1st Avenue
Fruitland, ID 83619
208-739-8242
drewsurmeier@gmail.com

Dan Surmeier
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208-739-1105



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September 3, 2019

Drew E. Surmeier
1775 SW 1st Avenue
Fruitland, ID 83619

RE: Scheduling Field Exam for Water Right Permit No. 65-13958

Dear Mr. Surmeier,

I am writing in an attempt to resolve the above-referenced water right permit owned by Dalton J. Surmeier, Sr. and Donna J. Surmeier in Fruitland, Idaho. We would like to schedule a time to conduct a water right licensing examination so that this permit may be licensed. An examination is needed to verify the water use in order to issue a water right license.

Over a month ago I contacted Mrs. Dalton and was advised that Dalton had passed away and that her grandson, Drew, took care of the farm. I sent a follow up letter with my contact information and have followed up with two additional phone calls in an attempt to have her pass my phone number on to you. I was able to find your address through an Idaho Business Entity search.

If you would like to pursue the licensing of this permit on behalf of your grandmother, **please call me at (208) 287-4939 by September 13, 2019**. If we are unable to schedule a licensing exam for this permit it may be subjected to being voided.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Paula Dillon, GIS Analyst II
Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Email: paula.dillon@idwr.idaho.gov

Enclosures: Computer-Generated Copy of Water Right Permit 65-13958
Map of Water Right Permit 65-13958 Point of Diversion and Place of Use
Copy of letter to Mrs. Surmeier

MEMO

Date: September 3, 2019
From: Paula Dillon
RE: Water Permit 65-13958

I telephoned the Surmeiers at approximately 12:15 pm in an attempt to speak to Mrs. Surmeier's grandson, Drew. Mrs. Surmeier answered the phone. After introducing myself and the purpose of the call, I asked if Drew was available. She said he was not there for lunch yet. I asked for his phone number again, which she was unable to provide. I asked her to write down my phone number and pass it on to him. She also stated during the call that her son would be the person to speak to. She was unable to provide contact information for him.



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August 1, 2019

Donna Surmeier
1610 SW 2nd Avenue
Fruitland, ID 83619

RE: Scheduling Field Exam for Water Right Permit No. 65-13958

Dear Mrs. Surmeier,

We would like to schedule a time to conduct a water right licensing examination of the above-referenced permit. An examination is needed to verify the water use in order to issue a water right license.

Please be advised that you will need to operate your system under normal operating conditions during the examination. You will also need to provide a person who has a knowledge of the water system to accompany the water right examiner during the field examination. The permit authorizes the diversion of groundwater for irrigation and stockwater. The water right examiner will need to take pictures of the existing system, the points of diversion, and verify that everything is in place. Due to the complexity of the system this process can take between 1 - 2 hours.

In order to conduct your exam as efficiently as possible we ask that you call this office to schedule a day and time that is convenient for you. **Please call me at (208) 287-4939 by August 9, 2019 to conduct the exam during the week of August 19th or August 26th.**

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Computer-Generated Copy of Water Right Permit 65-13958

MEMO

Date: August 1, 2019
From: Paula Dillon
RE: Water Permit 65-13958

I initiated a phone call to the phone number written on the Statement of Completion form in order to schedule a field exam. Mrs. Surmeier answered the phone. When I explained the purpose of my call, Mrs. Surmeier stated that Dalton (her husband and co-owner of the permit) was dead. She said that her grandson, Drew, takes care of the farm, but she was unable to provide any contact information. She said that Drew usually comes to her home for lunch and suggested that I call back around lunchtime to speak with him. I told her I would follow up our conversation with a letter that had the details written down along with my contact information.