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STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Ident. No. <u>65-23964</u>



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United States Department of the Interior BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Four Rivers Field Office 3948 Development Avenue Boise, Idaho 83705



In Reply Refer To: 7250 (IDB010)

Dear Permittee:

You recently had a conversation with a Four Rivers Field Office rangeland management specialist regarding the opportunity to enter into a voluntary Limited Agency Agreement for stockwater on grazing allotment(s) which you are authorized to graze. You indicated that you intend to enter a Limited Agency Agreement with Bureau of Land Management to maintain these stockwater rights. A copy of the Limited Agency Agreement and additional information is enclosed. Please sign and return to the Limited Agency Agreement to our office in the enclosed envelope which must be received at our office by June 30, 2020. We will return a dually signed copy for your records. If you have questions about this agreement or would like to discuss it further call me at 208-384-3336.

Sincerely,

Amanda Hoffman Field Manager, Acting

GENERAL TERMS

- This Agreement does not convey right, title, or interest in any lands or resources held by the United States. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the BLM from administering grazing, range improvements, or water rights in accordance with applicable law and does not extend rights associated with the BLM's statutory and regulatory management of its grazing program to the Permittee and/or Lessee.
- 2. The Parties expressly agree that the mutual acknowledgements and agreements outlined in this Agreement are supported by good and adequate consideration including, but not limited to, past and continuing use of the water associated with the applicable stockwater rights, construction and maintenance of associated range improvement projects, and the consideration for any and all applicable grazing permits or other agreements between the Parties.
- 3. This Agreement shall remain in effect throughout the term of any existing grazing authorization, new authorizations, and any renewals of grazing authorizations. This Agreement terminates only upon: (a) the expiration, termination, or cancellation of the applicable grazing permit/lease held by the Permittee and/or Lessee that is not renewed; or (b) upon 90 day written notice by either Party to the other of a desire to terminate the limited agency relationship.
- 4. The terms of this Agreement may not be modified unless consented to in writing by the Parties. If any paragraph or portion of this Agreement is deemed unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 5. Subject to the termination clause above, the Parties agree to act in good faith and with fair dealings to fulfill, and not impede, the intent of this Agreement.
- 6. This Agreement shall become effective on July 1, 2020, or the date of the last signature of the Parties thereafter.
- 7. The signators to this Agreement acknowledge that they (a) have read this entire document; (b) fully understand and agree with all the terms of this Agreement; (c) have knowingly, voluntarily, and in good faith entered into this Agreement; and (d) have the explicit authorization to execute and bind their respective entities or selves by this Agreement.

For the Permittee and/or Lessee (Agent):

Robert Roberts	19 JUNE 2
For the BLM:	
Field Manager	Date
Field Office, Bureau of Land Man	nagement

EXHIBIT A LIMITED AGENCY AGREEMENT

THE LIMITED AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PERMITTEE AND/OR LESSEE AND BLM APPLIES TO ALL ALLOTMENTS ON WHICH THE PERMITTEE AND/OR LESSEE IS AUTHORIZED TO GRAZE LIVESTOCK CURRENTLY AND ANY FUTURE ALLOTMENTS ON WHICH THE PERMITTE AND/OR LESSEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO GRAZE LIVESTOCK IN THE FUTURE. BLM RECORDS AT THE TIME OF SIGNING INDICATE THE PERMITTEE AND/OR LESSEE IS AUTHORIZED TO GRAZE LIVESTOCK

OPERATOR NAME		
ROBERT & NANC	Y ROBERTS	
ALLOT. NO.	ALLOTMENT NAME	FIELD OFFICE
ID00301	HOLLAND GULCH	FOUR RIVERS FIELD OFFICE

INFORMATION FOR PERMITTEES (LIMITED AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR STOCKWATER)

Leading up to the initiation of the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) in 1987, BLM held meetings with the livestock industry to discuss the filing of claims for stockwater across 11.8 million acres of BLM land involved in the adjudication. In the end, it was deemed beneficial that the U.S. carry the burden because BLM could obtain the funding and develop the expertise to successfully undertake this massive endeavor. BLM was able to obtain thousands of decrees for stockwatering and thereby support the long-term viability of grazing on public land.

In 2017, the Idaho Legislature passed Senate Bill 1111 (SB 1111) which repealed a state statute in place since 1939 that had specifically acknowledged BLM could appropriate stockwater on the public domain. SB 1111 also barred BLM from obtaining new stockwater rights if it did not directly own livestock and prevented permittees¹ from acting as agents for BLM. Purportedly, SB 1111 was enacted to codify the 2007 Idaho Supreme Court decision in *Joyce Livestock v. U.S.* where water rights had been granted to a livestock owner, but the *Joyce* decision also stated that a livestock owner could act as an agent of a landowner.

On March 24, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little signed into law Idaho House Bill 592 (HB 592). HB 592 repeals the provision in SB 1111 that had restricted federal permittees from acting as agents of federal agencies regarding stockwater rights. Consistent with HB 592, BLM is pursuing formally entering into a Limited Agency Agreement with you as a grazing permittee. Participation is <u>strictly voluntary</u>.

Why is it important for me as a permittee to consider entering into this Limited Agency Agreement?

This agreement is <u>strictly voluntary</u> but will help ensure you can continue to utilize the state-based stockwater rights obtained by the BLM for the term of any applicable BLM grazing permit and renewals. A signed agreement helps protect the relevant stockwater rights in your allotments from any forfeiture petitions that might be filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). Water rights that are not covered by an agreement face a greater risk of hearings and litigation, processes that could complicate grazing in affected allotments.

Why is this agreement voluntary?

An agency relationship is fundamentally a voluntary relationship. Although there may be ramifications beyond BLM's control if you do not sign, it is important to note that signing or not signing does not directly impact BLM's management of your permit.

What happens if I do not sign this Limited Agency Agreement?

Ultimately, we don't know because the ramifications are beyond BLM's direct control. While the BLM would not make any changes to your grazing permit, a failure to sign could indirectly result in the stockwater rights that you utilize being the subject of forfeiture proceedings before IDWR. Proceedings at IDWR could trigger additional litigation as well.

¹ For the sake of simplicity, the term "permittee" is used throughout this document to refer to both permittees and lessees. On this issue, it makes no difference whether the grazing authorization from BLM is a permit or lease.

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STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

To appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho

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Thorneycroft, Kensie

From:

Thorneycroft, Kensie

Sent:

Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:51 AM

To:

'Water District 65'

Subject:

Applications for Permit of 65-23964, 65-23970, 65-23971

Attachments:

Watermaster Recommendation Form.docx

Watermaster:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is seeking written comment and/or recommendations from you regarding the above referenced water right application. You can find a copy of the application at: https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx. Please review the application, then complete the enclosed recommendation form and return it to this office by **09/21/2020**.

If the application is approved, IDWR will include appropriate standard conditions of approval for a water right located within a water district, such as regulation by the watermaster, lockable controlling works, and/or measuring devices. Any special conditions or other concerns you have related to this application should be specifically addressed in your recommendation.

IDWR can finish reviewing an unprotested application as soon as the protest period has past. Your prompt response to this request will ensure that your recommendation can be considered. If IDWR has not received your written recommendation by **09/21/2020**, IDWR will presume that you do not oppose approval of the application and that you have no comments for IDWR to consider.

Please contact this office if you have any questions regarding the application.

Kensie Thorneycroft Administrative Assistant IDWR Western Region 208-334-2190



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> Gary Spackman Director

August 27, 2020

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT 1387 S VINNELL WAY BOISE. ID 83709-1657

RE: Application for Permit No. 65-23964

Dear Interested Party:

The Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is seeking written comment and/or recommendations from your organization regarding the above referenced water right application. You can find a copy of the application at: https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx.

IDWR can finish reviewing an unprotested application as soon as the protest period has past. Therefore, your prompt response to this request is appreciated. If your organization desires to formally protest the approval of this application, you may do so after the notice is published by filing a written protest along with a \$25.00 filing fee within 10 days of the final publication.

Please contact this office if you have any questions regarding the application.

Sincerely.

Kensie Thorneycroft Administrative Assistant 1

Enclosure(s)



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Gary Spackman Director

August 27, 2020

NANCY R ROBERTS ROBERT C ROBERTS 2109 N 9TH ST BOISE, ID 83702-2820

RE: Application for Permit No. 65-23964

Dear Applicant(s):

The Department of Water Resources has received your water right application. Please refer to the number referenced above in all future correspondence regarding this application.

A legal notice of the application has been prepared and is scheduled for publication in the WEISER SIGNAL on 9/2/2020 and 9/9/2020. Protests to this application may be submitted for a period ending ten (10) days after the second publication.

If the application is protested, you will be sent a copy of each protest. All protests must be resolved before the application can be considered for approval. If the protest(s) cannot be resolved voluntarily, the Department will conduct a conference and/or hearing on the matter.

If the application is not protested, the Department will process your application and notify you of any action taken on the application. If your application is approved, the Department will send you a copy of the permit.

Please contact this office if you have any questions regarding the application.

Sincerely,

Kensie Thorneycroft Administrative Assistant

Thorneycroft, Kensie

From:

Thorneycroft, Kensie

Sent:

Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:49 AM

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'Sarah Imada'

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Washington Legal Notice

Attachments:

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Good Afternoon Legal Clerk,

I am sending you the new legal notices, please send confirmation to my email.

Please see the attached ad for publication on 09/02/2020 and 09/09/2020.

Please confirm these are okay to publish as shown.

Kensie Thorneycroft Administrative Assistant IDWR Western Region 208-334-2190

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> Gary Spackman Director

August 27, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE DEPARTMENT WEISER SIGNAL PO BOX 709 WEISER, ID 83672

RE: Application for Permit No. 65-23964

Dear Legal Notice Department:

Please publish the enclosed legal notice on the dates indicated (once a week for two consecutive weekly issues). If you cannot publish the notice on the proposed dates, please contact us immediately.

An affidavit of publication must be submitted to the Department along with the publication bill. Please send the affidavit and bill to this office before 9/21/2020. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kensie Thorneycroft Administrative Assistant

Enclosure(s)

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

65-23964

NANCY R ROBERTS

ROBERT C ROBERTS

2109 N 9TH ST

BOISE, ID 83702-2820

Point of Diversion SENW S23 T10N R03W WASHINGTON County Source HOLLAND GULCH CREEK Tributary LITTLE WILLOW

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Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 15 AF

Total Diversion: 15 AF

Date Filed: 08-17-2020

Place Of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE

T10N R03W S23 SENW

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western office at (208)334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see

https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRApplicationResults/. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 9/21/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director

Published on 9/2/2020 and 9/9/2020



BRAD LITTLE
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN Director

August 6, 2020

ROBERT & NANCY ROBERTS 2109 N 9TH ST BOISE ID 83702-2820

Re: Application for Permit - Signature Needed

Dear Applicants,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) received your corrected application on July 31, 2020. Since the application is filed under the name Robert & Nancy Roberts, the Department requires signature from Nancy Roberts as well. Alternatively, you can change & to AND/OR under part 1. – Name of Applicant(s) on your application. If you change & to AND/OR, one signature will be sufficient.

With this letter, I enclosed the first two pages of your application. Please make the necessary corrections or additions and return your application to the address listed below.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your application, please call me at (208).334.2190 or email me at anna.kaiser@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Anna Kaiser Water Resource Agent 2735 W Airport Way Boise ID 83705

Enclosures: Application for Permit

Total Storage Calculations

FILE NUMBER	04-66-23964
REVIEWER	Anna Kaiser
DATE	8/6/2020

This spreadsheet has been designed by Idaho Department of Water Resources to estimate the total seepage, evaporation and fill capacity required for a pond.

User Input
Calculated value
Formula Explanations

Surface Area (AC.)	2.5	"Surface Area" is automatically carried over from the "Seepage Loss" sheet.
Average Pond Depth (FT.)	6	"Average Pond Depth" depicts the actual depth of the pond either measured or estimated. Note: If you know the maximum depth and not the average depth, the Field Examiner's Handbook suggests multiplying the maximum depth by 0.4 to get the average depth, or you can use any method that seems reasonable to attain average depth.
Pond Capacity (AF)	15	Pond Capacity is calculated by multiplying the Pond Surface Area by the Average Pond Depth. If you know the capacity, divide the capacity by surface area and enter the average pond depth in the space above. Note: If pond capacity is determined using a method shown on the "Pond Capacity" sheet, the user may need to modify the value of "Pond Capacity" (cell B9) manually. Note that if the value is modified manually, the formula will be altered for future use.

EVAPORATION & SEEPAGE NOT CONSIDERED FOR ON-STREAM STORAGE PONDS



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BRAD LITTLE Governor GARY SPACKMAN
Director

July 2, 2020

ROBERT AND NANCY ROBERTS 2019 N 9TH ST BOISE ID 83702

Re: Water Right Application Incomplete - Returned

Dear Applicant:

This office received your application on June 26, 2020. The application cannot be accepted into the records of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) until the following items are addressed:

• 5 - Proposed Use

- o Amount; You must describe how much water you are applying for. Storage uses should be described in volume using acre-feet units.
- o Use; You marked a purpose of "Stock H20". From information collected in the application, it appears you are intending to apply for "Stockwater Storage".

• 6 - Total Quantity

o Mark the total amount of water stored.

• 9 - Place of Use

The application describes the NWNW included to the Place of Use. Using aerial imagery and the PLSS map you provided, it appears the storage use is located within the SENW instead. Cross out the NWNW and mark the SENW on the application.

• 12 – Describe your proposal

o Provide additional information related to your storage use. Include surface area, average depth and max depth.

The original incomplete application is enclosed. Please make the necessary amendments to the original form and re-submit within the next thirty (30) days. You can make the appropriate changes by crossing out, dating and initially the form.

If IDWR does not receive your written response within thirty (30) days, a refund will be issued for this filing. This letter is an attempt to ensure that your application is complete in order to establish a priority date. You may receive future correspondence regarding more specific details of your application. IDWR forms and other information are available on the Internet at www.idwr.idaho.gov. Please consult the IDWR website or contact this office at 208-334-2190

and ask for the "office day person" if you have any questions about the necessary information or fee.

Sincerely,

Western Region Water Rights Staff Enclosure: Original Application