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From: **Matt Thompson** <wadesaddle1@gmail.com>
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Subject: Thompson Land LLLP Deep Creek
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RE: Application 25-14485

Hello,

I was contacted this spring by a registered letter about a pond that is on some property my family owns that we acquired in 2016. I contacted IDWR office in Idaho Falls and was advised that I would need to file for a permit to store water in the pond which we have done and it has been advertised in the newspaper with no objections. On another letter dated July 1 from James Cefalo with some concerns about the application. I would like to give you more info on the pond and the pending application.

As I mentioned earlier when we acquired the property the pond was already there and after talking to a neighbor that has had long time ownership of the neighboring property and historical knowledge of the area. I was told the pond had existed for many years prior possibly since the 60s or early 70s. I understand the pond had some repairs done to improve it in the early 2000s by the owner at that time. The pond has an overflow installed and a large culvert and doesn't completely. dam off water from flowing downstream.

We only use the water for stockwater and typically have cattle on the property for five months Mid May through the first part of November. There is no water used for any kind of irrigation or any water pumped out of it for any reason. In the four years we have owned the property it has been fairly full and the water level goes down over the summer and several times it has dried up completely. Last year it maintained water the full season. We have several springs on the property and also have a well that we pump stock water from on the property. We do have one pasture where Deep Creek is the only source of water for the livestock. There is abundant wildlife on the property that benefit from the pond and I counted three beavers inhabiting the pond this spring. There are multiple beaver ponds on Deep Creek upstream from our land.

Deep Creek completely runs through the North side of our property and below the dam there are several beaver ponds on our property. It runs out of our property and crosses under the main road through a culvert and then runs into property owned by the Brown family from Ririe. I talked to Jeff Brown and he said Deep Creek sinks or dries up a half mile to a mile below our property boundary and does not connect to Meadow Creek or Willow Creek the Browns have owned the property for many years and are very familiar with the area.

We feel the pond is very beneficial to the property and it was one of the main reasons we bought the property and had no idea it wasn't permitted or needed to be. When we acquired it the property was closed at a reputable title company and title insurance was purchased so we felt confident that the pond was not an issue. We feel the stock water rights are inherent and would appreciate the dept. looking further into issuing a permit. If I can be of assistance or you would like to see the pond I would be happy to facilitate a tour of the private property.

Thanks, Matt Thompson

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