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Re: Permit 63-33261 Request for Extension of Time

Dear Permit Holder:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") is processing your Request for Extension of Time to Submit Proof of Beneficial Use ("Extension") for the above referenced permit. Your permit authorizes irrigation of up to 10 acres from a ground water well. The Department can only grant an Extension request based on a determination that the permit holder is proceeding diligently to develop the water use permitted. Your responses on the Extension request form do not provide sufficient evidence to make that determination. The Department requires additional information to process your Extension request.

On the Extension form, you stated that you have done no work to develop this permit since the well was drilled and the pump was installed due to lack of financial resources. According to Department records, the well and pump were installed prior to approval of this permit. Condition #3 of the permit requires project construction to commence within one year of permit approval, in this case by 9/15/15. Construction of the well and putting the pump in place is a component of construction, but can you please confirm that you have made additional efforts to develop the 10 acres of irrigation. Have you cleared on land in advance of irrigation? Have you expanded your irrigation practices at all beyond the 0.5 acres allowed under the un-recorded domestic exempt water use you established prior to applying for permit 63-33261? Have you contacted pump installers to receive bids for a larger pump (if needed) for the increased irrigation? These activities or potentially others will likely meet the permit requirement to commence construction within one year of permit approval.

Please provide additional information confirming you commenced construction of your project and are proceeding diligently to complete the project. If additional information is not received within the next 14 days, the Department will pursue a denial of your Extension request and issue a lapse notice for you permit. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 208-287-4920.

Sincerely,

Debbi Judd

Technical Records Specialist