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NOTICE OF PROTEST

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This form may be used to file a protest with the department under sections 42-108B, 42-203A, 42-203C, 42-211, and 42-222, Idaho Code. The department will also accept a timely protest not completed on this form if it contains the same information.

1. Matter being protested Water Application 74-16207 Boyd Stokes

2. Name of protestant L-9 Water Users Group

3. Protestant's Representative for service (If different than protestant)

Orie Cockrell

4. Service mailing address 182 Lemhi Rd. Salmon ID. 83467

5. Service telephone no. 208-303-0332 Email Address: o.cockrell@hotmail.com

6. Basis of protest (including statement of facts and law upon which the protest is based)

It is harmful to water users in the L-9 ditch. See attached

(additional pages may be attached to describe nature of the protest)

7. What would resolve your protest? Possibly restrictions to use

I hereby, acknowledge that if I, or my designated representative, fails to appear at any regularly scheduled conference or hearing in the matter of which I have been notified at the address above, the department may issue a notice of proposed default against me in this matter for failure to appear. I also verify that I have served a copy of this protest upon the applicant.

Signed this 18 day of January, 2019.

L-9 Water Users Group
Protestant

Orie Cockrell
Protestant's Representative

Receipt # 77867 - Salmon Office
C106174 - State Office

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Orie Cockrell
L-9 Water Users Group
182 Lemhi Rd
Salmon, ID 83467

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in behalf of the L-9 Water Users Group in protest to water application 74-16207 the Stokes' have filed for. We have several reasons we are not in favor of this water right being approved.

While this may be something that would not be so harmful during high water, it would be damaging to every other user on this ditch at all other times. The L-9 ditch has many users, most of which are miles down the ditch from this point. The ditch is a long, very slow moving ditch that mosses up easily and quickly, causing it to often appear full when in reality it is not able to fully meet the needs of the water users on the ditch. For example: LaMar Cockrell and Sons LLC have 12 cfs decreed to them from the ditch and are lucky to get 6 cfs down to them after high water and moss has settled in. Although the ditch appears to have ample water in it, it does not. There is evaporation that takes away from the water users as well. There are two syphons and some steep hill sides along the path of the ditch also making it very time consuming and expensive to maintain. Therefore we pay a lot for the little water we receive. This application would just make it a bigger disparity between what we actually get down the ditch and what we pay for it.

Every user depends on the waste water flowing into the ditch to help out with trying to fill our decrees. I thought once waste water hit a ditch with decreed water running down it that it became the ditches water. If this application is granted it would take away from every other user on the ditch. It is an enlargement of their water right in the ditch and I did not think that was something allowed. This just simply adds to their right. When the ditch is low the pump won't know the difference. Going from being able to irrigate 18.6 acres from the L-9 ditch to 63 acres will simply take from every other person on the ditch.

Thank you for assistance on this matter,

George Bledgett

John Hickey

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