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RE: WATER PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Dear Water Permit Holder:

Field examinations were conducted for permits 51-7368, 51-7318 and 51-7319 on April 27, 2018. At that time it was determined that the sources of water for permits 51-7318 and 51-7319 are field drains with flows partially dependent on irrigation. Therefore we plan to describe the source on permits 51-7318 and 51-7319 as unnamed drains.

During the field examination, we agreed to wait to measure the flows of the two drains because the normal irrigation season was not yet underway and maximum flows were not available. We are awaiting your notification of when the flows are at maximum rates. We are hoping that we can perform these measurements within the next 30 days or so.

During the field exam, you spoke with us about many newly developed water sources. We cannot add any waste water or water from the pond to the existing permits. You will need to file new applications for permit to legally divert water from the pond, the new drains, waste water, and any other source of water you have diverted prior to putting that water to use. Any diversion of the water from these sources could be subject to a notice of violation and possible fines of up to \$300 per acre per Idaho Code §42-1701B.

We have enclosed a map of all the water uses as we understand them from our field visit. It includes the pivots and the new drains. Due to the complexity of the system, we are asking that you review the map and let us know if anything is incorrect. We would be willing to meet with you and the Western Region Office staff to file new applications for permit for the new uses you have developed from the various drains and other water uses. Please contact us or Western Region to set up a time to go over those filings.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (208) 287-4912.

Sincerely,

Rachael Smith
Water Resource Agent, Sr.

Enclosure: Map
Permit Applications

