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Steve Lester, Water Rights Supervisor
Idaho Department of Water Resources
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RE: Water Right No. 77-4075

Dear Mr. Lester;

Because this is the start of a new water year, I wanted to write and give you an update on our Fritser Ranch water right and property vehicle access issue.

Since we applied for, and received, a five-year time extension in 2010 to reestablish our water diversion and establish access to our ranch, we have rebuilt our stacked rock water diversion and installed takeout piping. We have used our water each year and put our water right to beneficial use since 2010. However, we have been unable to reestablish motorized vehicle access to our property. If you refer back to our February 16, 2010 *Application for Extension of Time to Avoid Forfeiture of a Water Right*, item #10...you will see what I am talking about regarding property access. We still do not have vehicle access to our property. Thus, getting concrete and steel to our ranch to stabilize our stacked rock diversion has been impossible. Washouts are still a serious threat we face and deal with every year.

Here is a summary of where we are in terms of reestablishing vehicle access to our ranch property. The 2008 Payette National Forest Travel Management Plan was challenged and several lawsuits were filed by the Valley County Commissioners, Mining Companies, plus Private Property Owners against the management plan. Idaho's Congressional Delegation instructed the Payette National Forest to meet with all interested parties to resolve travel management/access issues. Therefore, the Big Creek/Yellow Pine Collaborative was formed in 2013 of which I am a participating member. For three years, the Collaborative has met monthly to iron out access/road closure issues with the US Forest Service. This Thursday, April 28, 2016 is a meeting where a recommendation regarding motorized access to the Fritser Ranch will be voted upon. If a majority vote to reestablished motorized access to Fritser Ranch is reached, this recommendation will go forward to the Payette National Forest for action. The next step for the Forest Service will be public hearings and comments regarding changes to the forest travel plan. There appears to be some light at the end of the tunnel, but it could still be years until motorized access is re-established to the Fritser Ranch.

As you can see, we are continually working on reestablishing our vehicle access...and we will continue to do so...but more time is needed. Please let me know if you need any additional information from me about our Fritser Ranch property.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen L. Forrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen L. Forrey
Property Owner

Neely, Rachel

From: Miller, Nick
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 3:27 PM
To: Neely, Rachel
Subject: FW: Status Update Letter from Fritser Ranch
Attachments: Fritser Ranch Status Update letter to Nick Miller .pdf

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Rachel,

Could you check the file inventory (I don't have it on my workflow for some reason) and make sure the file for 77-4075 is in the vault and not here. Then, forward this email on to Gene or Darla to file it.

Thanks,

Nick.

From: info@balmshot.com [<mailto:info@balmshot.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 10:16 AM
To: Miller, Nick
Cc: Karen Forrey
Subject: Status Update Letter from Fritser Ranch

Good Morning Nick Miller;

I called your office this morning to speak with Steve Lester, but I learned he recently retired. Steve had asked my wife, Karen Forrey, to give him an update on reestablishing vehicle access to our ranch. Given his retirement, I am sending this letter to your email address. Please see the enclosed update letter.

I have copied Karen with this email so you have her email address. Please let Karen know if you need any additional information. Keep up your good work!

Wayne.

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