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DIAMOND S FARMS LLC  
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BLACK CANYON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
C/O CHAS MC DEVITT  
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BOISE ID 83702

**RE: Contested Application for Permit No. 63-34147 —Diamond S Farms LLC, Mike Skogsberg**

Dear Applicants:

Enclosed is a copy of the protest filed against the issuance of the above-referenced application. As part of the application process, the following are options available for resolution of contested (protested) applications:

**-Direct contact** with the protestant(s) to determine what is being disputed in the application and parties attempting to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest(s).

**-Formal Proceedings** consist of a pre-hearing conference & hearing through the water appropriation statute/rule process. A pre-hearing conference identifies the protest issues and reviews the resolution possibilities with the parties. If the issues cannot be resolved, a formal hearing will be scheduled.

**-Mediation** through a certified professional mediator. The advantages can include: reduced costs and time that are associated with formal proceedings, the ability to address non-water concerns, more influence over a final settlement, and fast track processing by the Department for parties reaching a mediated agreement. If you are interested in this option, please contact our office for details.

Please consider with the protestant the best option for resolution of the contested application.

If you would like additional information, or need to further discuss the process, feel free to contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

Nick Miller  
Western Regional Manager

Cc: Protestants  
Black Canyon Irrigation District

Enclosures: Protest filed 12/18/15