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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Meeks:

On May 26, 2015 the Department of Water Resources (department) received and Application for Transfer submitted by Greg Sullivan of Brockway Engineering on your behalf. This transfer application proposes to update the authorized place of use for groundwater right 36-7032. However, there are some issues that need to be addressed before the application can be processed.

In the letter by Mr. Sullivan that accompanied the application he stated that water right 36-7032 has been set aside for mitigation purposes in agreement with the North Snake Ground Water District since 2005. It is my understanding that you are a member in the North Snake Ground Water District (NSGWD) however, this particular water right 36-7032 is under no contractual agreement in support of the mitigation plan for the NSGWD and that the lands covered by this water right are not a part of the approved mitigation plan. The department requests documentation showing that water right 36-7032 is contractually a part of the NSGWD mitigation plan since 2005.

Mr. Sullivan's letter also states that canal shares from the North Side Canal Company have been applied to the two pivots since 2005. Though no supporting documentation was submitted with the application showing when or number of canal shares was bought and used on the land. Water right 36-7032 at one time was considered to be a primary right, since there are canal shares appurtenant to the property this right may be considered as a supplemental water right. The department requests information showing this right should still be considered as a primary water right.

In addition aerial photography available to the department shows that 14 acres in the NWSW of Section 20, Township 08S, Range 18E appears not to have been irrigated in previous years and therefore may be at risk of forfeiture, unless you can document irrigation of these lands.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benny Walker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Benny Walker
Water Resource Agent

cc: Greg Sullivan, Brockway Engineering, PLLC