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RE: Application for Transfer 79399

Dear Mr. Stark:

We received your letter concerning the protest of your transfer application. It is unfortunate that there is not enough water in Trout Creek this year to satisfy all of the water rights. However, the normal policy is for the junior water users to turn off their water when the senior water rights cannot be satisfied.

All of your questions and comments have to do with the protest and revolves around the application you have filed. Until a conference or hearing is held you will need to be patient and go through the procedure to resolve the protest. We work through these matters as we can but have limited staff to cover everything assigned to our office.

At some time in the future creation of a water district may help with the questions concerning how much water each water user is diverting. Until a water district is in place, the Department has no mechanism to regulate the use of the water. I hope this helps.

Sincerely,

KAY WALKER

Sr. Water Resource Agent