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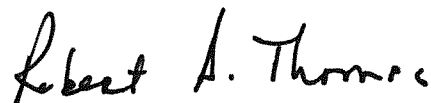
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To Whom It May Concern:

In October of 1996, my family and I purchased the ranch located at 17947 Shortcut Rd. in Oreana, Idaho and subsequently had the water rights transferred. Regarding water right number 57-7267, I am seeking a petition for reconsideration and requesting that this particular right not be designated a trust right. The priority date of this water right is April 6, 1981. Although the project was not completed until 1991, I believe that a substantial investment was put in to corresponding surface water rights 57-00049, 57-00055, 57-00056B, 57-00072, 57-00074, 57-0079, and 57-0081, with the construction and maintenance of ditches since the late 1800's. The majority of this ground to which water has been beneficially used for irrigation since that time and was continued until 1991 when a well was drilled for water right 57-7267. Since surface water and ground water sources are considered to be conjunctively related, as shown by Swan Falls agreement, this right should be considered to be developed as early as the late 1800's.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'T'.

Robert A. Thomas