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November 2, 2012

THOMAS AND SHARON NEEDHAM
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RE: Water Right Permit 63-11645

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Needham:

Thank you very much for meeting with me in August to complete the field examination of your water right permit. The last step in finalizing a water right is to issue a license that reflects the water uses that I found during my visit. It was a pleasure to meet you and I hope to finalize your water right soon.

At this time I am concluding my report and have one outstanding question that must be addressed. During my visit I spoke with you about the two wells (points of diversion) that were drilled in connection with this permit, one well is for domestic uses and one well is for irrigation purposes. Your permit only includes one point of diversion. Unfortunately, I cannot simply add a well to the permit but you may decide how you would like to proceed in regard to the second well.

At this point there are three options:

- 1). you may choose to do nothing and your license will be issued for irrigation purposes only and will include one well. Be aware that a water right is not required for domestic uses and you will be able to divert water for domestic uses from your domestic well just as you have in the past. No fees are required to complete this option.
- 2). or you may submit an amendment form, with the required fee of \$100, to add the second well to your permit. Your final licensed water right will be split and will result in two water rights; one for domestic use and one for irrigation purposes.
- 3). alternatively, you can choose to do nothing and the Department can issue your license with both domestic and irrigation uses, however; the license will only include one well. Since you had originally developed your permit this way, this action would be allowed but, you may be out of compliance with your water right if you continue to divert from both wells. If, at some point, IDWR discovers that you are out of compliance you may become legal by filing an Application for Transfer to add the second well to your water right. Please note that the filing fee to add a point of diversion to a licensed water right is \$200.

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I have enclosed an amendment form for your use if you choose to pursue option #2. If I don't hear from you within 30 days, I will issue your license pursuant to option #1 as this option won't cost you anything and you won't be losing anything either.

You may contact me at (208) 287-4944 if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your time and I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with finalizing your water right license.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cherie Palmer".

Cherie Palmer, Sr. Water Resource Agent
Water Allocation Bureau