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June 27, 2012

Mr. Allen Merritt
1341 Fillmore Street, Suite 200
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Re: Russell Thompson Permit Nos. 47-7578 and 47-7579
Project No. 1171-01-2012

Dear Allen,

Enclosed with this letter are two beneficial use field exams for permit nos. 47-7578 and 47-7579. These permits were issued to H.H. Thompson in 1979. H.H. Thompson's son, Russell, inherited the property in 2004 when his father passed away; Russell understood, from conversations with his father, that the water rights were secured.

Unfortunately, the permits lapsed in 1984. Russell came into IDWR and visited with Corey Skinner about available options. Corey recommended that under Idaho Code §42-218a.2, a beneficial use field exam could be performed and the permits could be reinstated with a reasonable explanation of why proof was not filed in 1984. Russell believes that the proof was not filed because of a combination of multiple addresses for H.H. Thompson on file with IDWR and H.H. Thompson's physical and mental health status at the time.

The reinstatement fee of \$250 per permit is included with the field exam and narrative. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

G. Erick Powell, Ph.D., P.E.

enclosed

cc: Russell Thompson

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