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RE: Water Right Application for Permit forms and instructions

Dear Mr. Tyler:

It was a pleasure to speak with you today. As I stated over the phone, the IDWR database did not show existing water rights or pending applications for water rights to cover the uses that have been developed for your neighbors' cabins. Nor was I able to confirm that the neighbors you named for me are the owners of any of the property near yours.

Your water right does not authorize the uses that you described to me. However, if your neighbors haven't taken steps to register their ownership of the properties, it may be difficult to get a water right to authorize water uses that occurs in either cabin or on the property immediately surrounding the cabins. Your neighbors may need to visit the Adams county courthouse and clarify their property ownership before they tackle the water right forms.

You are doing them a valuable favor by calling us and requesting assistance on their behalf.

IDWR has no authority to change the land or property ownership. But I can help you, to help them, initiate the process for acquiring water rights. Without water rights, the uses that you have described are not authorized and would be subject to penalty.

Here are the forms and their companion instructions. Please direct them to contact either this office (the state office) or IDWR's western region office if they have questions. Both offices are in Boise. The Western region office is near the Boise Airport. The state office is downtown Boise.

Thank you for taking on your neighbors' cause.

Sincerely,

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Associate Engineer

Enclosure(s)

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