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Subject: Miller Family Real Estate Application - Including Stockton Creek Rights in WD13M (Cottonwood Creek)

Dear Parties,

At the November 18th pre-hearing conference, there was a proposal made to incorporate the Stockton Creek drainage into a nearby water district. The most logical choice would be Water District 13M (Cottonwood Creek) because water from Cottonwood Creek is injected into the Stockton Creek drainage. I agreed to look into what steps are needed to accomplish such a change.

Tim Luke in the IDWR Boise office has handled many of the water district boundary changes in recent years. He said the following steps must be taken before the district boundary can be changed. First, the water users in the area must file a written petition with the department, asking the department to incorporate Stockton Creek into Water District 13M. Preferably, this written request would be signed by the WD13M advisory board and the affected Stockton Creek water users. Second, the local public must be notified of the change. Third, a public meeting must be held to discuss any concerns with the change. The change would be accomplished through an order issued by IDWR. After approval, the water district assessment schedule must be adjusted to include the new water users. If there is general public support for the change, it can be a fairly quick process. This may be a topic that can be discussed at the upcoming water district 13M annual meeting.

Let me know if there is any other information I can provide on this topic.

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