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RE: Jon & Wei Christianson (Application for Permit No. 71-7170)

Dear Allen:

Please consider this letter the Applicants' Status Report regarding processing related to the above-numbered pending application. Although I have previously spoken with Troy Warburton of the U.S. Forest Service, and have made repeated requests to locate the necessary files, he is still attempting to locate the file regarding the Forest Service's designation of the right-of-way pursuant to R.S. 2339. The historical documentation asserted to be needed by the Forest Service to establish this right-of-way is apparently unsatisfied by virtue of the early priority water rights, even though it appears they predated the reservation of the SNRA by a number of decades. I will continue to attempt to work through these issues with the Forest Service, and have advised my client of judicial alternatives in order to bring finality to this issue.

My clients and I recognize that this matter has been pending for some time, but we will continue to do our best to try to bring finality to the right-of-way issue in order to allow processing of the above-numbered permit application. On behalf of the Christiansons, I would request an additional six (6) month time period in which to either gain approval of the R.S. 2339 designation, or to institute a declaratory judgment proceeding regarding the right-of-way. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

GARY D. SLETTE

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