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RE: Orchard Ranch LLC Permit Application #63-32703 and Transfer #73834
Kuna Cole 880 Permit Application #63-32680

Dear Mr. Semanko:

This letter is in response to your letters of 12/17/07 regarding the processing status for the above applications for permit/transfer. Our records show the Kuna Cole application was received on 5/22/07 and the Orchard applications on 6/21/07.

During 2006, our agency accrued a significant backlog of permit and transfer applications from adjudication work priorities. We started processing applications again in early 2007 and continue to make this a priority. As you know, we process applications in the order the applications are received.

Currently, the regional staff are working on permit applications received in March-April 2007 which include several large planned communities in the Boise Basin. After considering the number of unprocessed applications senior to your client's, it is estimated the above applications would come up for processing in March 2008. The Orchard permit and transfer applications will be processed collectively. If public notices for the applications draw no protests, final processing and approval can now be expedited at the regional level.

Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Best Holiday Regards,

John Westra, Manager
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