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Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 1:14 PM
To: Westra, John
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Subject: Transfer #
Attachments: IDI-36452_BLM-Letter_03-10-11.pdf

John,

RE:

Attached is a letter that BLM sent to Mr. Orndorff (aka Junayo Ranch Limited Partnership) on 03-10-2011 terminating his Land Use Permit (IDI-36452) because there is no water right issued by the State of Idaho for the associated use of water on this parcel.

Fred Price
Water Rights Specialist
BLM, Idaho State Office
(See attached file: IDI-36452_BLM-Letter_03-10-11.pdf)



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In Reply Refer To: 4120 (ID-130)

March 10, 2011

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Owen H. Orndorff
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Boise, ID 83702

*Received via
E-mail 3/18/2011.*

Dear Mr. Orndorff:

Recently, it has been brought to my attention that you do not possess a water right to irrigate the 20 acres of public land in T.2S., R.3W., Section 19 associated with your May, 2009 Land Use Permit (Serial Number IDI-36452).

It is my understanding that your previous attempt to acquire a water permit (57-11695) was withdrawn (03-25-2009) and that your current attempt to transfer water (Transfer #75704) onto this parcel has been protested by other water users in the drainage. From review of Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) records, it does not appear that additional acres can be irrigated in this drainage without additional storage. BLM has previously denied construction of any additional storage capability on public land. Because you do not have a water right to irrigate this parcel of public land, the use of water on public land is inconsistent with State water law. I therefore have to cancel your Land Use Permit (IDI-36452) to conduct irrigated agricultural activities on public land.

In accordance with Exhibit B, Section 5 of the LUP, you are required to seed the area to stabilize the soil and prevent the area from becoming dominated by cheatgrass and other weeds. A variety of seed mixes are available for this purpose. I recommend that you consult Beth Corbin the OFO botanist/ecologist 896-5923 for a seed mix that would be successful in outcompeting weeds and in providing long term wildlife habitat. However, if you wish, you may send us a proposed seed mix for our consideration.

If you have questions regarding this matter you may contact me at 208-896-5914.

Sincerely,

Steven Jirik
Acting Field Manager
Owyhee Field Office, Idaho