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Governor

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Randall J and Kathryn J. Lewis
3655 N 18th E
Mountain Home, ID 83647

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RE: Water Supply Bank Lease for Water Rights 61-11983 and 61-11981

Dear Mr. and Ms. Lewis:

On May 10, 2005 you submitted an application to lease water rights 61-11983 and 61-11981 to the Water Supply Bank. Unfortunately, a large backlog has prevented this application from being processed until now. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Fortunately, we have re-allocated staff to reduce this backlog, and I have been charged with reviewing your files.

My initial review of the aerial photos for your property suggests that you have irrigated this property in 2009, and possibly in 2006. I have enclosed the maps that I have reviewed to make these assumptions. In order to place water rights into the water bank, a water user needs to cease all irrigation associated with the water rights being placed in the water bank. If you have irrigated this ground, it could be beneficial that your application has not been processed.

This letter is to determine if you are still interested in pursuing this water bank lease. If you wish to pursue this water bank lease, you will need to send a letter confirm or deny the irrigation suggested on the maps in 2006 and 2009. If you do not wish to pursue this water bank lease, all you will need to do is to contact me requesting that this lease be withdrawn.

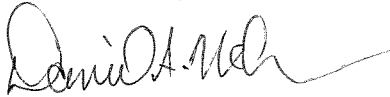
The Water Supply Bank no longer allows water rights to be placed into the Water Supply Bank for an indefinite period. The maximum time that we can allow water right to be placed into the Water Supply Bank is 5 years. If you did not irrigate in 2006 and 2009, we can prorate your Water Supply Bank application back to the date it was filed in 2005, but the Water Supply Bank lease would terminate at the end of the irrigation season in 2011. At that time you would be required to file another Water Supply Bank application for these water rights if you wish to keep them in the Water Supply Bank. If you have irrigated the ground described in the water rights, then we could prorate the Water Supply Bank lease to the date the property was last irrigated. This would give you additional time before you will be required to file a second Water Supply Bank application.

You must be aware, that once your water rights are placed into the Water Supply Bank, you can no longer irrigate this ground without first removing the water rights from the Water Supply Bank. Irrigation of ground without a valid water right or with a water right in the Water Supply Bank can have serious consequences.

As I stated earlier, we are currently making a concerted effort to reduce our backlog of Water Supply Bank applications; **therefore I need to request that you submit this information by no later than April 1, 2011.** I also need to inform you that I tried to contact you by telephone, but the telephone number on your water rights is no longer in service.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the above address.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel A. Nelson".

Daniel A. Nelson
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