

Conversation Memorandum

File #65-13689

From: J. Westra JFW

Date: 09/24/10

RE: Dan Brown Dam near McCall #65-13689 Conversation with Rob Collins-neighbor

This facility has a long history of stream channel violations, water right, and dam safety issues/complaints. The dam is too small for regulation by IDWR.

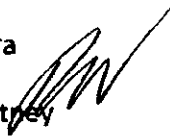
Mr. Collins, neighbor called to say the Brown property has been foreclosed on and Mr. Brown has moved out leaving the area. He believes that GMAC mortgage is the current property holder. The spillway and drop structure at the reservoir/dam are currently plugged with debris and the reservoir boards need to be pulled prior to winter (annually done). If left as is, the dam will likely overtop in the spring, taking out his driveway and damaging several homes downstream.

Having knowledge of the facility and area downstream, Mr. Collin's concerns have validity. Mr. Collins is willing to pull the boards if given authorization by IDWR. His number is 208-634-8440.

I told Mr. Collins, I would forward the concerns to the SO Dam Safety Section for response. See water right file for additional information and site visit by Rob Whitney in 2009.

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TO: John Westra

From: Rob Whitney 

Date: 10-02-09

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Account Information	
Check Number	4749

Comment BENEFICIAL USE____#65-13689

Fee Detail:

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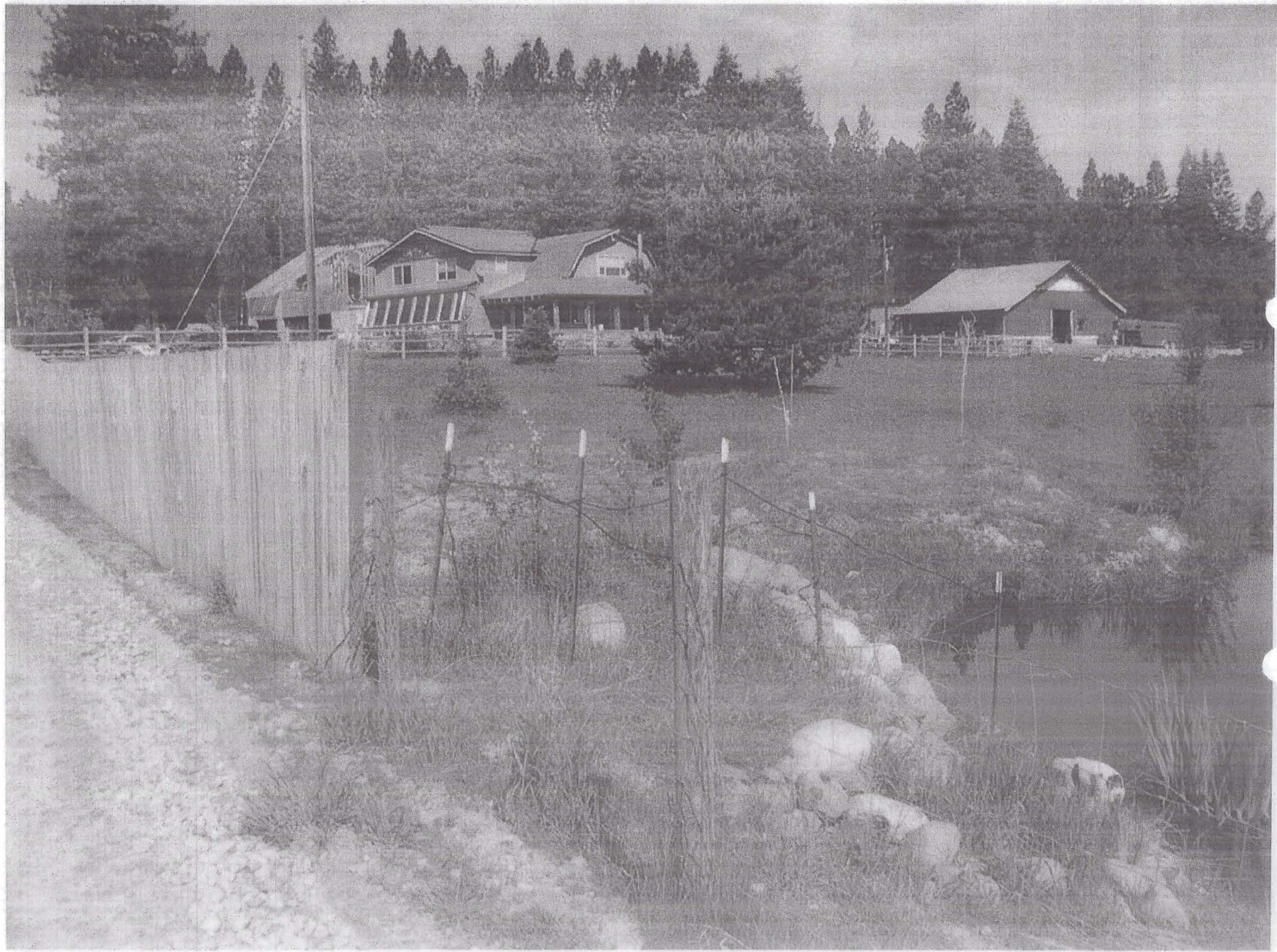
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Respectfully,



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Enclosure

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9:30 April 1

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Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 10:13 AM
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