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Hi Joe and Sandie,

I just wanted to give you an update on the status of your permit. It looks like we are going to alter the lockable device condition to allow an alternative means of locking the diversion, such as locking the pump assembly to the post nearby. That's good news, although not unexpected.

However, I have pursued the measuring device issue as far as I can and it looks like we are going to require that condition must be met before the final water right is issued. The condition currently reads: "The right holder shall install or construct a straight length of conduit or ditch suitable for installation of a device for measuring the entire flow of water being diverted in connection with this right. If the right holder uses conduit, the straight length of conduit shall be at least ten times the diameter of the conduit and shall be above ground or otherwise easily accessible."

The wording of that condition is taken almost directly from what is known as the Stipulated Agreement, which is an agreement among a number of parties, most prominently the state and the federal government, governing water right administration in a number of basins, including the Salmon River.

I have spoken with my supervisor and his supervisor and they suggest either having a conduit/ditch installed or just going ahead and installing a suitable measuring device. Unfortunately, the hose bib method will not work because, in measuring output there, you measure the theoretical output, not the actual amount of water being put to beneficial use.

I will have to wait to issue the license until that condition has been met. I realize this news sets you back some but there was just no getting around it. I apologize for any inconvenience or frustration this may cause you. Please call me at (208) 287-4907 or email me if you have questions.

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