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Steve Lester
Idaho Department of Water Resources
2735 airport Way
Boise, ID 83705

RE: Greg Troost Application for Drilling Permit and Water Right Transfer

Dear Mr. Lester:

Mr. Greg Troost contacted ERO to help obtain a well drilling permit to replace one of his irrigation wells that began pumping sand in May 2010. The failed well is known as "LIND #2" and is located in the SWSW Sec 26 T6N, R5W at the center of the pivot it serves. The well log is attached to the abandonment application. Riverside Inc. video taped the well to reveal large holes corroded through the casing. Riverside Inc. can respond to replace the well as early as the week of May 24, 2010.

The preferred location for the replacement well is in the SESW Sec 26 T6N, R5W, which is at the perimeter of the pivot it will serve. This new location is in a different quarter-quarter as the failed well and therefore requires a transfer of the water rights to change the point of diversion.

Enclosed, please find:

1. the Application for Transfer and the \$610 filing fee.
2. the Application for Drilling Permit and the \$200 filing fee.
3. the Application to Abandon a Well.
4. the request to expedite the issuance of the drilling permit.

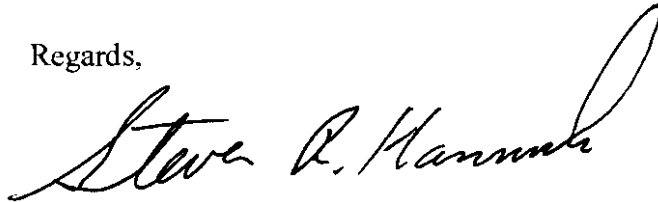
The new location of the well is situated within the Troost property approximately 1,400 feet south of the failed well. This new location is close to the same power line and transformer that served the failed well, minimizing the cost to run new power lines. Moving away from the old location helps avoid any formation problems surrounding the failed well. Also, this location does not encroach upon the other irrigation wells in the property.

The new location changes the separation distance to some neighboring wells. Shown in Attachment #7a of the Application for Transfer, there are several domestic wells located near the southwest edge of the Troost property. The new location is approximately 1,700 feet from the closest domestic well located in the SENW Sec 35. Of the wells with a corresponding driller's report on file at IDWR's website, the depth of these wells ranges from 280 to 355 feet (relevant well logs are included in Attachment #9). Mr. Troost is proposing to drill 550 feet to provide 200 feet of vertical separation from those domestic wells.

It is Mr. Troost's hope that the vertical and horizontal separation distance, along with the fact that no other element of the water rights will change is sufficient to allow for the expedited issuance of the drilling permit and the processing of the transfer under administrative review.

If you need any additional information, please call me at 373-7983.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve R. Hannula". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Steven R. Hannula