

Keen, Shelley

From: Merritt, Allen
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 9:09 AM
To: Luke, Tim; Keen, Shelley
Cc: Peppersack, Jeff; Yenter, Cindy; Swank, Lyle; Spackman, Gary
Subject: RE: SWID permit

Folks,

45-14183 may not be the permit Brian is referring to. The protest for Application 01-10566 has been recently resolved with the BLM. It was placed on my desk 3/26 for final review. I was thinking that I should send it to the SO to be issued there so that the conditions of approval can be coordinated with the ones for 45-14183. If there are other ideas let me know.

01-10566 allows for direct irrigation out of the Snake River if it is in priority.

Allen

From: Luke, Tim
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 8:23 AM
To: 'Brian Higgs'
Cc: Peppersack, Jeff; Merritt, Allen; Yenter, Cindy; Swank, Lyle
Subject: RE: SWID permit

Brian,

I am forwarding your question on to Jeff Peppersack, who is Shelley's immediate supervisor (as well as mine). I assume you are asking about the waste water application (45-14183)? I know there have been a few concerns and/or questions regarding appropriate conditions for the waste water right – I believe these issues may have been discussed when the director was at the water district meetings.

Your message seems to imply that water is currently being pumped to the pipeline for recharge purposes. If so, I assume this is probably being done under the Idaho Water Resource Board's recharge right. Given that there are no other approved water rights for diverting Snake River water to the pump, I have to advise you as of today that water diverted under the recharge right must be used for that purpose. Again, I will forward your message on to Jeff for further response.

Tim

From: Brian Higgs [mailto:brian@waterwellconsultants.com]
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 12:23 AM
To: Luke, Tim
Subject: SWID permit

Hi Tim,

The permit application for SWID to pump irrigation water from the river is currently being reviewed by IDWR. It is now on the desk of Shelley Keen. Randy Bingham, Shelley, and the Director have voiced the opinion that it will be signed but a couple of details are being considered. In fact, Randy Bingham, BID, is meeting with

Shelley this coming Thursday to iron out these details. The problem is that Shelley is on vacation Monday through Thursday.

Some members of the pipeline want to pump river water to irrigate their beet seeds to get them germinated. I personally would hate to see them turn on their wells while we are injecting water. Is it possible for them to irrigate prior to the signing of this application? Is there something I could do to facilitate this decision?

Thank you.

Brian
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