

**Lester, Steve**

**From:** Linda Mihalka [lhenrie@speedyquick.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2009 10:16 AM  
**To:** Lester, Steve  
**Subject:** RE: Transfer application #65-02590B

Steve,

Thank you for your reply. We understand your Department's constraints and respect your procedures for processing applications. We were expecting a wait and it was not our intention to circumvent the process, at the expense of other applications in the queue. However, the hold on our application raised concern on our part that our application had taken a detour, and we simply wanted to ward off any chance of our application falling into an administrative abyss.

Your initial estimate of being able to resolve our application by the next irrigation season is entirely adequate with us. We thank you for your attention to this matter and please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Mike and Linda Mihalka

**From:** Lester, Steve [mailto:Steve.Lester@idwr.idaho.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2009 8:31 AM  
**To:** Linda Mihalka  
**Subject:** RE: Transfer application #65-02590B

Mike and Linda Mihalka:

Your application for transfer was filed on July 21, 2009. The application includes considerable additional information regarding your situation. I understand your concerns about moving ahead immediately. However, there are many applicants ahead of you with equally compelling needs. This office processes applications approximately in the order they are received, with some exceptions for emergency situations. This seems to be the fairest way to handle things.

Your application most likely can be processed this winter, given the current workload vs. budget cuts and so forth. For example, right now we are complying with a significant number of mandatory furlough days without pay, which obviously affects productivity. Despite that obstacle, the anticipated schedule should allow adequate time to resolve your application by the next irrigation season. This office will contact you when we begin processing your application. Meanwhile, staff resources will not be dedicated to a preliminary review etc. of your application.

Sincerely,

Steve Lester  
Water Rights Supervisor  
IDWR Western Region

**From:** Linda Mihalka [mailto:lhenrie@speedyquick.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 01, 2009 6:35 PM  
**To:** Lester, Steve

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**Subject:** Transfer application #65-02590B

Dear Mr. Lester:

After making inquiry to the IDWR as to the status of our application for transfer of water right listed above, we were informed that our application is "on hold" and that there is a "long IDWR history in the application and that the reviewer wants to discuss it with the regional manager".

Please understand, we have been deprived of our irrigation water for over 4 years by adjoining neighbors, and we ask that you review this matter, in order to limit any further delay in our application process. Any assistance you could possibly provide to expedite this process, would be greatly appreciated. We were anticipating drilling a well by early next Spring, since it is well overdue for our property and animals to receive the water we are entitled to.

If there is any additional information that we may have neglected to provide for this process, please let us know and we will readily comply.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,  
Mike and Linda Mihalka  
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