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May 22, 2009

Gem Irrigation District
Attn: A Barker
Barker, Rosholt & Simpson LLP
PO Box 2139
Boise ID 83701

RE: Contested Application #02-10416 Gem Irrigation District

Dear Mr. Barker:

Attached is the protest received from the BLM following public notice for the above described application for permit. The protest alleges the District's service area includes described tracts that are on Federal lands.

I would encourage you and the protestant to work directly to clarify boundaries in the District's service area. If map boundaries and shape files need to be updated for the District's other water rights, please contact this office for assistance. I will be glad to schedule a pre-hearing conference to better identify the issues and discuss options if desired.

Should you have questions, please contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,


John Westra, Manager
Western Region

Cc: F. Price, BLM
Enclosure: Protest