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Dear Sirs:

I am writing you once again regarding the following. I first wrote this letter in 2005 and never received a response. I subsequently forgot about it. I entered into an agreement to purchase the property from my parents in 2003 and want a clarification on this matter.

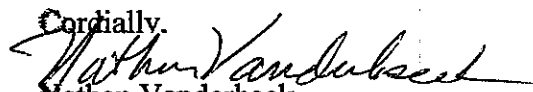
I am in possession of a "Notice of Claim of Water Right" which was filed by my father (James B. Vanderbeek) on or about 12 March 1990. It speaks to the "Snake River Basin Adjudication". Said notice is marked with ID # 63-28291 and receipt # 00011068. It was filed in the district court of the fifth judicial district in Twin Falls on or about the above date. It refers to the piece of property listed above, 20572 Van Slyke Rd. Greenleaf Idaho.

In the above described claim of water right Dad listed item 5 as a groundwater right on a domestic well which dated from June of 1948. The date of the domestic well right was subsequently corrected to 31 December 1948 on or about 8 June 1993. It is listed further down on item 9 that there is also "non-irrigation" use of "one". What does that mean? What is "one".

These are the facts. So, where does my irrigation water right appear? We pay annual taxes to the Wilder Irrigation District. We pump out of the concrete tile ditch which supplies non-potable canal water for the sole purpose of irrigating these two +/- acres. That irrigation supply has been on this property since 1948 too as far as I have been able to determine. It has always existed with the house and has been updated at least once. Is that irrigation water right recorded elsewhere? Is that water right part of the adjudication above mentioned? Did my dad screw up by not listing it or am I just working myself into a snit about nothing? And, if we have somehow lost the irrigation water rights why am I paying irrigation taxes on this place? And, how do I get some sort of verification of the existence of the irrigation water right?

Mom is trying to make some final order of their personal affairs. I would greatly appreciate a response in this matter. Both my folks are still alive, my Dad is incompetent now and not able to understand what all this paper work states.

Cordially,


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