



C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

January 28, 2009

Herb Lloyd
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Dear Herb,

Thank you for contacting me about the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I have forwarded your question about IDWR to Dave Tuthill, director of IDWR. I have asked him to respond directly to you on this matter and to provide me with a copy of his response.

Thanks again for contacting me. Please keep me informed on this and any other state government issues of concern to you.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter".

CLO/sg

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho

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State Department of Water Resources
Western Region, 2735 Airport Way
Boise, Idaho

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Re: Application No's 63-33063 & 63-33064

Dear Director and Honorable Governor "Butch" Otter

I'm agitated that your office requests a \$50 fee to

question the permits to use domestic ground water

Wells to irrigate 4 & 6 acre lots. I assumed that

your paid duties for the State Water Resources Dept

is to govern the laws of the state of Idaho.

The rule that I'm referring to is as I understand it

is that a domestic well is only permitted to irrigate no

more than a half acre.

Have you checked with irrigation Districts to see

if these lots have irrigation water rights?

Information for you, if you are not aware for the amount of irrigation water these permits applied for, which are not explicit. I'm not of my Idaho resident; therefore the figures I'm going to use to illustrate are rounded off. (Please check)

Permit # 63-33064

$450 \text{ GPM} = 1 \text{ cfs} = 50 \text{ minor inches} = 2 \text{ AF/day}$

Applied for 16 cfs which equals 8 minor inches, which equals 32 AF/day.

They requested 9 months annual use ≈ 270 days which would entitle the permit user to 84 AF/year.

I assume this is not the amount they applied for.

Realistic irrigation use is if the crop requires water every 10 days for 2 days the 9 month use for each year would equal 54 days.

$32 \text{ AF/day} \times 54 \text{ days} = 17.28 \text{ AF/year}$ for this permit.

Irrigation District Agriculture water allotment for B. K. I. D full water allotment is 3.5 AF/year, which is based on available storage and natural flows. Many year we don't get half our allotment as you know.

These neighbors are good people and all we want is protection of our domestic water wells.

Ref: Permit NO. 63-33063

The application for the use of a domestic ground water well to irrigate 4 acres of agriculture is for 18 A.F./year.

Based on the same conversion factors shown on Page 2 of 3, this permit is for 18 A.F./yr which = 4.5 A.F./Ac/annually. Again the full allotment for irrigated land in the irrigation district is 3.5 A.F./Ac.

I suggest that the local Irr. District checked to see if their land is in the project irrigation district.

My thought is if the home owners can obtain a permit to use Domestic wells to irrigate these small tracts, those of us who use project water should use our wells rather than clean ditches.

The lady applying for permit is a fine neighbor and again were just trying to protect our ground water domestic well.

Thank you

Herbert D. Lloyd

C.C. of reply letter only

To Honorable Governor "Butch" Otter

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