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Stauffer Creek Ranch
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September 10, 2008

Dear Mr. Tuthill, Jr.,

Bushman Farm and Livestock Co. is the owner of Stauffer Creek Ranch, which is located in Township 11S, Range 43 E and Township 12 S, Range 43 E, near the town of Nounan, Idaho.

This letter is reply to the proposed claim 11-7616, for the appropriation of water from a spring which is a tributary to Beaver Creek, which is a major tributary to Stauffer Creek which point of diversion is NWNE S31 T11S R43E.

I am including a map of the surrounding land and where our water rights are located. These water were Decreed in the Dietrich Decree and were filed on July 14, 1920. Our concern is that this claim of water has already been appropriated though the earlier appropriations. As you can see, Beaver Creek is a major tributary of Stauffer Creek. I have included a map our Stauffer Creek Ranch and the point of diversions for our water rights As you can see from the map, the construction and development of the springs will affect the actual stream flow and our water rights.

11-00291	1.80 cfs	Stauffer Creek	Priority Right	1876
11-00293	1.40 cfs	Stauffer Creek	Priority Right	1881
11-00296	2.60 cfs	Stauffer Creek	Priority Right	1898
11-00297	.40 cfs	Stauffer Creek	Priority Right	1898
11-00299	1.60 cfs	Stauffer Creek	Priority Right	1900
11-00313	.90 cfs	Stauffer Creek	Priority Right	1900

I know of other water users in the area that have concerns about this water appropriation. **We urge the State Engineer to deny this claim.** Bushman Farm and Livestock Co. is protesting this claim and request that the Dept. of Water Resources deny this request as the water rights are already decreed.

Sincerely,

Joan K Bushman

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