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RE: Christianson Application for Permit No. 71-7170

Dear Corey:

I thought it prudent to provide you with an update relative to my conversations with the US Forest Service. I spoke with Stacey Clark today, and she confirmed that there was some existing documentation with the Forest Service and the Christiansons' predecessors, Lou Racine and Jack Furey pertaining to this ditch. I have asked her to provide that documentation to me as soon as possible, and she indicated she would attempt to locate it and get it to me, although it may be some time before she can get to it. She also stated that a name change from Racine and Furey to the Christiansons "might take years" because of her understanding that an environmental analysis had to be accomplished to permit that. I do not understand why a name change would need an environmental analysis, but nonetheless, that was Stacey's understanding. Depending on what documentation she locates regarding an already approved right-of-way for the Christiansons' predecessors, I may need to speak with Ken Pauer, the attorney for the US Forest Service in Ogden, Utah.

I obviously do not want my clients to have this water permit application voided under this scenario if it takes more than six (6) months for the Forest Service to resolve the issue of the ditch right-of-way. I trust that the Department will continue to work with me so long as we are making good faith and diligent efforts to resolve this matter. If possible, I would appreciate some sort of response from you to place in my clients' file in this regard.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Yours truly,

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