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DARWIN VANDER STELT
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Re: Arnold Van Berkel and David Russel Property

Dear Darwin:

Your December 14 letter noted that the owner(s) plans to subdivide 35 acres in T2N, R3W, Section 15, NWNW. The following information is provided for your convenience.

1. Ground water irrigation rights in NWNW include Snake River Basin Adjudication Claims 63-32137 for Leach and 63-32138 for Van Berkel C/O Russel.
2. Claim 63-32138 authorizes the use of one well in NWNW to irrigate 35 acres using 0.276 cfs.
3. Apparently the well for Van Berkel's claim is located on property not owned by him.
4. Van Berkel filed an Application for Transfer to add his own well as the diversion point for his claim. The application cannot be processed until the SRBA objection period is over for Canyon County.
5. A separate transfer application would be required for each lot if the intent includes adding one well per lot to continue to irrigate the property. Typically, each lot has its own well for domestic and irrigation uses in these scenarios.
6. Additional water right approval would be required if the intent is to add a community well system for potable water for the planned homes.
7. It is possible to obtain approval to drill individual domestic wells for each lot prior to transfer approval. In those cases, each domestic well would be limited to supplying potable water to the home and yard irrigation not to exceed ½ acre. Additional irrigation from those wells could only occur after additional water right approvals were secured.

Please let me know if you need more information in this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor