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To Whom it May Concern:

I was born in Lago, Idaho in 1934. I grew up on the dairy farm my father owned five acres of which is now owned by me and is my place of residence. My father and mother, Elvin and Ora Meacham, had a family of ten children. We used water from the Sorensen Canal as culinary water and as water for the dairy and to water the live stock. The Sorensen Canal water was the only sources of water for the livestock year round.

I have personal knowledge that Harris A. Mickelson, from whom my father purchased the farm, used the Sorensen Canal for culinary water and for the livestock as we did. Harris had a family of 5 children. Jim Fowler who owned the farm before Harris Mickelson also used the Sorensen Canal as the source of culinary water and for livestock water.

There was a pipeline that came off the top of the hill about one half mile from our house that provided water to the Elvin Meacham family as well as the Ruud Family, consisting of Andrew, Norman and their mother, who were our neighbors to the north. Boyd Ruud and his wife Jane Occasionally, in the winter time, the pipe, which was exposed where it crossed a wash, would freeze up and we would have to go up there and thaw it out with a welder. We cleaned the canal every spring and we all participated in cleaning the screens and the pond fed by the canal where the water was diverted into the pipe line.

My wife's grandfather, Michael Mickelson, owned a sawmill at the foot of the hill. He used the canal as a source of water for the mill. The large pipe line coming down the hill from the same pond we used is still visible. The mill was sold to the Robinson Brothers, Rex and Lynn. They used the Sorensen canal water for the sawmill and both families as well as two other homes of people who worked at the mill used the canal water for culinary purposes. Rex had a family of four children and Lynn had two children.

My father sold the farm to my sister and her husband, Joyce and Reed Kirby, who had a family of seven Children. They used the Sorensen Canal water for culinary water and for live stock. The farm was sold to my Sister's son Todd Kirby who has no children. Todd uses the Sorensen Canal water for culinary and for livestock.

William P. Hansen and his wife Carol, who was my sister, had seven children. They lived in the Rex Robinson house after the Robinsons shut the mill down and moved away. Phil and Carol used the Sorensen Canal for culinary and live stock purposes. Mr. Hansen and his current wife still live there in a newer home and use the water for culinary purposes. I have personal knowledge of others who used the Sorensen Canal for culinary and livestock purposes.

Eugene Thomas (Blacky) lived right on the Sorensen Canal. He and his wife and Four children used the canal water for culinary and livestock purpose. His daughter Joanne was my age and we went to school together. His three sons Lowell, Max and Virgil, worked for my father in the summer time. At the bottom of the hill where Lee Hall currently lives, Bill and Sybil Harris and their two sons lived. I sued to go there and play with their sons. Bill and family use the canal water for culinary purpose. The newer house that is there occupied by Mr Hall still uses the canal water for culinary use. Emil Hansen and his family of four sued the canal as a source of water for the home and for livestock. Emil's sister and mother lived across the road. And also used the canal water for the home. I associated with the people mentioned above as a child and youth and have personal knowledge of their use of the water as stated.


John A. Meacham

State of Idaho ss.
County of Caribou

On this 30th day of May, 2007, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared John Arlin Meacham, personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Wendy Rasmussen
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