



State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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December 20, 2007

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Director

Ed DeGroot
Sunview Dairy
6600 SW Blanksma Rd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

* { Jim Blanksma
Broken Arrow Farms, Inc.
2014 Onati
Mountain Home, ID 83647

RE: Drilling permit for "Emergency/Back-up Well"

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the approved drilling permit for the referenced well. As I have previously discussed with Mr. DeGroot, approval of this drilling permit and construction of this well does not represent an authorization to use the well until a valid water right is secured. The pending water right transfer proposes this well as a point of diversion.

The Department has received a request for "expedited issuance" of the drilling permit signed by Mr. DeGroot. This request acknowledges associated risks and that the well owner understands the well shall not be used until a valid water right is obtained. Additionally, Mr. DeGroot has agreed to secure a cash bond specifically for abandonment of the well should the water right transfer be denied. **Construction of the well shall not commence until the appropriate security bond pledge has been submitted to this office.** Please review the conditions of approval on page 2 of the drilling permit.

Pending approval of the application for transfer, the Department may authorize use of the well in an extreme emergency situation if the well owner can demonstrate that there are no other water source alternatives and that diversion of water will not cause injury to other neighboring water right holders. Please contact me at this office if you have related questions.

Respectfully,

Rob Whitney
Sr. Water Resource Agent
IDWR Western Region

cc: Hiddleston Drilling, Steve Hannula, Steve Lester

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Form 235-1

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Drilling Permit No. 893550-838879
Drilling Permit I.D. Tag No. D0052638
Water Right Permit No. 61-2186, 61-7222
Injection Permit No. _____

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Department of Water Resources

APPLICATION FOR DRILLING PERMIT
(FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WELL)

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1. Owner (please print): Broken Arrow Farms Inc, c/o Jim Blankens
2. Mailing Address: 2014 Onati
City: Mountain Home State: ID Zip Code: 83647 Telephone (208) 587-7939
3. Proposed Well Location: Twp. 5S Rge. 6E Sec. 6 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4;
Gov't Lot No. _____ County ELMORE Lat. 43: 0 : 56.7 Long. 115: 46: 36.2
Street Address of Well Site 6600 SW Blankens Rd City Mountain Home
Give at least name of road + Distance to Road or Landmark
Lot, block and subdivision _____

4. Proposed Use of Well:

- ☐ DOMESTIC: The use of water for homes, organization camps, public campgrounds, livestock and for any other purpose in connection therewith, including irrigation of up to 1/2 acre of land, if the total use is not in excess of 13,000 gpd; or any other uses, if the total use does not exceed a diversion rate of 0.04 cfs and a diversion volume of 2500 gpd.

Domestic does not include water for multiple ownership subdivisions, mobile home parks, commercial or business establishments, unless the use does not exceed a diversion rate of 0.04 cfs and a diversion volume of 2500 gpd.

NON-DOMESTIC: ☒ Irrigation ☐ Municipal
☒ Livestock ☐ Test
Type _____ Number Hd. _____

☐ Industrial ☒ Other Commercial Dairy
(Describe)

☐ INJECTION

☐ MONITORING: A well bore schematic and map is required for each blanket permit. No. of proposed wells: _____

5. Well Construction Information:

A. ☒ New well ☐ Modify

☒ Replace

B. Proposed Casing Diameter 20-inch Proposed Maximum Depth 700

C. Anticipated bottom hole temperature:

☒ 85 F or less
(Cold Water Well)

☐ 85 F to 212 F
(Low Temp. Geo. Well)

☐ 212 F. or more
(Geothermal Well)

6. Construction Start Date: April 2006 Jan 3, 2008

7. Anticipated Well Driller: Hiddleston Drilling & Pump Driller's Lic. No. 35
NOTE: The actual well driller must be identified prior to drilling.

8. Applicant's Signature: Broken Arrow Farms Inc Date March 15, 2006

Address (if different than owner): Jim Blankens

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Title: _____

(Owner, Firm Representative, Other)

893550 - 838879

ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

This Permit is Approved Date 12-20-07If approved, this permit authorizes the construction or modification of a well subject to the following conditions. **READ CAREFULLY!****GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

1. This drilling permit is valid for two (2) months from the above approval date for the start of construction and is valid for one(1) year from the approval date for completion of the well unless an extension has been granted.
2. This permit does not constitute an approval of the District Health Department or the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, which may be required before construction of the well. All wells must be drilled a minimum distance of 100 feet from a drain field. Domestic and Public Water Supply wells must be drilled a minimum of 50 feet and 100 feet respectively from a septic tank.
3. The well shall be constructed by a driller currently licensed in the State of Idaho who must maintain a copy of the drilling permit at the drilling site.
4. Approval of this drilling permit does not authorize trespass on the land of another party.
5. This permit does not constitute other local, county, state or federal approvals, which may be required for construction of a well.
6. This drilling permit does not represent a right to divert and use the water of the State of Idaho.
7. If a bottom hole temperature of 85 or greater is encountered, well construction shall cease and the well driller and the well owner shall contact the Department immediately.
8. Idaho Code, S 55-2201 - 55-2210 requires the applicant and/or his contractors to contact "Digline" (DigLine is a one-call center for utility notification) not less than 2 working days prior to the start of any excavation for this project. The "DigLine" Number for your area is 1-800-342-1585.
9. Please be advised that this drilling permit should be considered and treated as a preliminary permit. If you are in disagreement with this preliminary permit you have fourteen (14) days of the service date of this permit to petition the Department for reconsideration pursuant to Section 67-5243, Idaho Code.
10. The well tag for the drilling permit/start card shall be securely and permanently attached to the well casing through welding or by the use of four closed end domed stainless steel pop rivets. The tag attachment will be done at the time of completion of the well, and prior to removing the drill rig from the drill site.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS: *Note Condition No. 6 above*

This drilling permit is not valid for construction of the well pending IDWR receipt of a cash bond in the amount of \$2,400. The Casing and Seal in this well shall extend to a minimum depth of 60 feet.



Signature of Authorized Department Representative



Title

Receipt No. W033885 Received by S/L Fee \$200 - Date 2/23/06

EXTENSION OF DRILLING PERMIT

Extension approved by _____ Approval Date _____

This extension expires: _____

Drilling Permit No. 893550 - 838879

Water Right No. 61-2186, 61-7222

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REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF A DRILLING PERMIT

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Sunview Dairy c/o Ed DeGraaf, Applicant, requests issuance of Drilling Permit prior to approval of a water right. The request is made for the following reason(s):

Currently, the property is owned by Jim Blankensma, but I am the contract holder for a portion of the property and hold an option for the remaining portion. The existing water system has had some failures and is currently in a condition that puts my dairy operation at great risk. I am requesting an expedited issuance of the drilling permit to allow me to install a backup water supply well in accordance to the documents already submitted to IDWR. This project is vital to my ability to maintain the dairy.

Applicant understands that the drilling permit does not constitute a water right and does not authorize diversion or use of water from the well.

Applicant acknowledges that by accepting a drilling permit and commencing construction he accepts all risk that the well may not ultimately be approved for use.

12-19-2007

Date



Applicant's Signature

Owner

Applicant's Title

Receipt Details for ID W033885

Status	Adjustment Type	Version
		1

General Information:

Date Received	Date Deposited	Region	Total Amount	Payment Type
2/23/2006 4:16:14 PM	2/24/2006 2:49:06 PM	WESTERN	\$730.00	Check

Payee SUNVIEW DAIRY

Account Information

Check Number 5222

Comment APP FOR TRANSFER AND APP FOR DRILLING PERMIT

Fee Detail:

Amount	Description	PCA	Fund	Fund Detail	Subsidiary	Object
\$530.00	TRANSFERS	62105	0229	21		1155
\$200.00	DRILLING PERMITS	62134	0229	21		1205

Refund(s)
Amount

Payee

Date

Document Number

*Hiddleston #35
D0052638*

December 5, 2007

Mr. Rob Whitney
Idaho Department of Water Resources
2735 Airport Way
Boise, Idaho 83705

RE: DeGroot Dairy – Operating Plan for the Water System

Dear Mr. Whitney,

The following letter is provided to summarize my plan of operation regarding the water supply system for my dairy and my irrigation. This letter follows our conversation on Thursday November 29, 2007 at your office. Mr. Hannula of ERO Resources is assisting in the preparation of the permit applications.

You may recall that my dairy is currently being supplied with water from an irrigation well located in the NESE Section 6, T5S, R6E (Figure 1). This pump is designed for irrigation and is not designed for the smaller flow rates needed at the dairy. It is not well suited for supplying the dairy. It does not have back up power. The previous dairy supply well, located in the NWSE of Section 6, has failed.

It is my hope that the Application for Drilling Permit already on file at IDWR be approved for a new backup well to be located in the NESE Section 6 as a replacement for the failed well in the NWSE. This new location is better suited from an operation standpoint. The new backup well will not be used unless the existing supply well fails. I understand that this condition is necessary for permit approval; this condition is acceptable, because it provides the security I need to ensure the cows get water.

I have been in contact with Hiddleston Drilling and they are mobilizing to abandon the failed well. Hiddleston or I will supply IDWR with a driller's report summarizing the abandonment.

Please note that I have an Application for Transfer pending at IDWR to add several points of diversion. Once the transfer is approved, I will be authorized to drill the new wells and the final water system will be better suited for the dairy and irrigation operation. However, until the transfer is approved, I understand that IDWR will need a security on the abandonment of the new replacement well to protect the state in the event the transfer is not approved. I am willing to provide that security in the form most convenient to you; I will provide IDWR with a written cost estimate for abandonment of the new replacement well to establish the amount of security.

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Mr. Whitney
December 5, 2007

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Also, because I have had an Application for Transfer pending since September 2006, and that the backup dairy well has now failed, I will seek to have the transfer process expedited. Mr. Lester will receive the appropriate information.

Regards,

Ed DeGroot

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed DeGroot', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, Idaho 83705-5082 - (208) 334-2190

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April 10, 2006

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Governor

KARL J. DREHER
Director

Steven Hannula
ERO Resources Corp
3314 Grace Street
Boise ID 83703

RE: Application for Transfer and Drill Permit – Broken Arrow Farms Inc.

Dear Mr. Hannula:

Your request letter of February 21, 2006 regarding the transfer and drilling permit applications for Broken Arrow Farms Inc. have been forwarded to me. The transfer seeks an additional (new) point of diversion for existing irrigation, commercial, and stockwater rights.

As you aware, our administration has made completing the SRBA a first priority in 2006. Our office staff resources are presently re-assigned to the SRBA task and our office is not processing applications/transfers. The transfer application will be held over the next several months until the SRBA assignment has been completed.

Your letter also requested the transfer public notice fall under the language of Idaho Code (IC) 42-222. Although this statute allows discretion to the Director concerning transfer public notices, it has been policy to reserve this only for correction of errors and minor clarifications. The normal public notice process will be followed for the Broken Arrow Farms transfer application.

Although there has been discussion regarding expediting the construction of the new well, our rules address directly the approval of drilling permits related to pending water right permits, transfers, and amendments. Rule 45-01-d of the Department's Well Constructions Standards Rules states: *drilling permits will not be issued for construction of a well which requires another separate approval from the Department, such as a water right permit, transfer, or amendment until the separate approval have given by the Department.* Our office will continue to hold the drilling application until such time the transfer application has been approved.

Your cooperation is appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

John Westra
Western Regional Manager



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February 21, 2006

Mr. Steve Lester
Idaho Department of Water Resources
2735 Airport Way
Boise, Idaho 83705-5082

RE: Application for Transfer

Dear Mr. Lester,

Enclosed, please find an Application for Transfer in the name of Broken Arrow Farms Inc. The Application for Transfer seeks a new Point of Diversion for a farm in south Elmore County.

The applicant is seeking a drilling permit as quickly as possible to be prepared for the upcoming irrigation season. To facilitate obtaining a drilling permit, Rob Whitney and I have worked up a strategy to help the applicant as best possible. One of the limitations to obtaining a drilling permit is the processing of the Transfer. The idea that Mr. Whitney and I have discussed is quite elaborate, but is feasible. However, the new language for 42-222 offers that for applications that propose a change in Point of Diversion or Place of Use in a manner that does not change the effect on the source or affect other water users can be advertised at the Director's discretion. If this transfer could be processed under this new streamlined approach, the strategy that Mr. Whitney and I discussed may be avoided.

Please consider this Application for Transfer under the new legislation. A filing fee of \$530 is included. Please call if you have any questions or comments.

Also, the Application for Drilling Permit is included, along with the \$200 filing fee.

Regards,

Steven Hannula

**Remarks
for Application for Transfer
Broken Arrow Farms Inc**

This Application for Transfer seeks to add a point of diversion (POD). Currently, one of the three authorized PODs serves both the dairy operation and irrigation. The other two authorized PODs serve irrigation demand and can provide backup to the dairy if needed. The well serving both irrigation and the dairy pumps sand at high diversion rates. This sand has adverse effects to the dairy. By adding a new well, the irrigation load can shift to the new well; the existing well will serve the dairy only. The dairy needs a lower diversion rate and the sand problem is greatly diminished. The two existing irrigation wells will continue to operate as they historically have; no changes will be made to the two irrigation wells.

This transfer application does not increase diversion rate or annual volume. No change is sought except to add a new well.

This change in the POD does not affect nearby water users because the transfer does not change the demand on the aquifer.

The closest neighboring well according to IDWR's interactive mapping database, is approximately ½ mile north of the existing well. The location of the proposed well is ¼ mile south and is therefore greater than ½ mile from the nearest neighboring well.

There will be no change the agricultural base to the area as a result of this transfer.

There will be no change in impact to the water resource, other than pumping less sand out of the aquifer.

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ESTIMATE

December 10, 2007

Ed DeGrout
Sunview Dairy
Attention Steve Hannula

Phone:

Fax: 373-7985

RE: Proposed New Well: Abandonment of 10" Borehole 500' deep

QUANTITY	UNITS	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED
10	hours	Labor and material to abandon well	lump sum	2,400.00
Subtotal				2,400.00

Thank you for the opportunity to bid this project

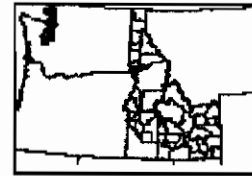
John Sullivan
Hiddleston Drilling and Pump Co.

The lat/long you provided was 43° 0' 56.700" N; 115° 46' 36.200" W

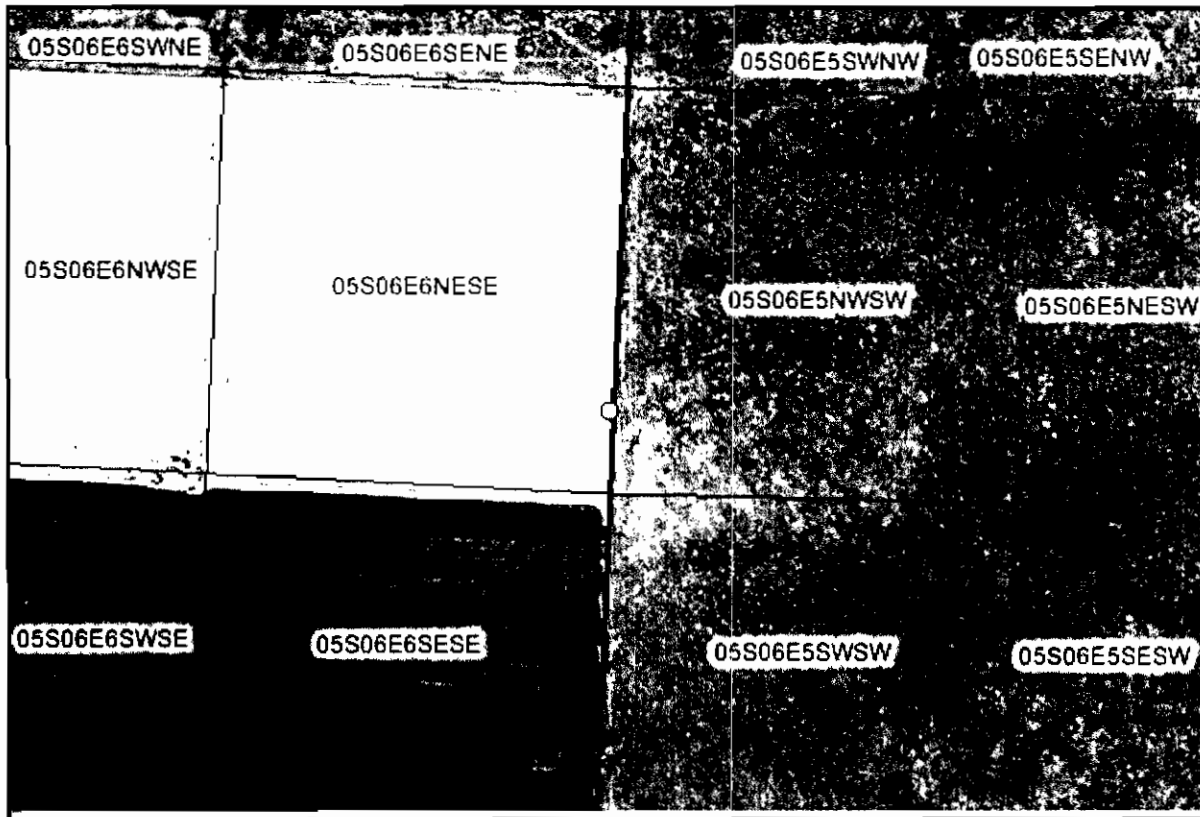
Here are the results:

NE quarter of the **SE** quarter of Section **6**, Township **05S**, Range **06E**

IDTM NAD83 coordinates: Easting=2355218; Northing=1314319



Choose the map-display background:



Wells



Water Rights



Water Right Permits



Adjudication Claims



Adjudication Recommendations

* Positions of wells/headgates may be based upon the center of a quarter-quarter section; those obtained by GPS or survey are accurate.

Steve Hannula

From: edsalicia@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, December 08, 2007 4:37 PM
To: shannula@eroresources.com
Subject: gps

Steve, Here is the gps for the replacement well.

N-43-00-56.7

43° 0.945"

W 115-46-36.2

115° 46.6033"

Thanks, Ed Degroot

More new features than ever. Check out the new [AOL Mail!](#)

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Figure 1 Broken Arrow Farms Points of Diversion
(T5S, R6E, Sections 6, 7, and 8, Elmore County)

