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**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
LICENSING OF APPLICATION)
FOR PERMIT 37-7638)
_____)

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM SWEET

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss:
COUNTY OF CAMAS)

I, William Sweet, after first being duly sworn upon oath, depose and state that:

- (1) My name is William Sweet.
- (2) For the following reasons, I am familiar with Sand Springs Ranch, the place of use for ground water permit 37-7638, as shown on the attached Exhibit A, a "1984" FSA map:
 - (a) I began visiting and working on the ranch in 1940.
 - (b) My uncle purchased the ranch in 1945, and I helped operate the ranch.
 - (c) My wife and I lived on the ranch during the summer months from 1953 to 1957 and operated the ranch.
 - (d) I inherited the ranch in 1957 when my uncle died. Beginning in 1957, my wife and I lived on the ranch year round and operated the ranch through 1986.
 - (e) I have continued to live in the Fairfield area from 1987 to the present but have not been involved in operating the ranch since 1987.

(3) Operation of irrigation at the ranch from 1940 to mid 1970s: The ranch was operated by flood irrigation using water from Twin Lakes Reservoir and Irrigation Company (Twin Lakes). The water was delivered from Mormon Reservoir through the North Canal to three headgates diverting water from the canal to ditches running through the ranch property west of Highway 46 (E½ NE¼ Section 30, T1S R15E), then under Highway 46 to water the ranch property east of the road (Section 29, T1S R15E). I sketched the location of the headgates, ditches, and land irrigated on a "1977" map from FSA. It is Exhibit B attached to this affidavit.

(4) Operation of irrigation at the ranch from the mid-1970s to 1979: I installed a sprinkler system to apply the Twin Lakes water to the ranch property east of Highway 46. All of the irrigation ditches east of the highway were eliminated except for one ditch running from the first headgate from the North Canal serving the ranch to a sump from which the water was pumped into the mainline. The sprinkler system used two ½-mile wheel lines and three ¼-mile wheel lines to irrigate about 220 acres all east of Highway 46. The ranch property west of the highway continued to be flood irrigated using Twin Lakes water. Even with this consolidated headgate and sump pump with sprinklers, I found that the availability of water from Twin Lakes was not reliable or adequate in most years, some years allowing only one irrigation for the season. In order to stay in business, I applied for a ground water right in 1977.

(5) Operation of irrigation at the ranch from 1979 through 1986: I applied for and received a permit to drill a well and use ground water to irrigate the ranch property east of Highway 46. Upon completion of the well in 1979 and installation of a motor and pump connected to the previously existing mainline, I began using the well water as the sole source of water applied to ranch property east of Highway 46. The motor and pump installed in 1979 are the same as described in the 1989 field exam for permit 37-7638. The same sprinkler lines previously used to apply the Twin Lakes water were used to apply the well water to 260 to 270 acres located in the NW¼ (160 acres), the N½ SW¼ (about 30 to 40 acres), the SW¼ NE¼ (about 30 acres), and the NW¼ SW¼ (about 40 acres). I sketched the location of the mainline, well, and irrigated fields on a "1984" FSA map, attached as Exhibit A to my affidavit. Once the well was operating, the Twin Lakes water was used exclusively on the ranch property west of Highway 46 (using roll lines) and on another property I owned about 1½ miles south of Sand Springs Ranch.

(6) I do not know of any measurements of the capacity of the pump from the well, but the well and pumping

system were adequate to operate the sprinkler system at a pressure typical for such systems (perhaps 45 psi) even with the addition of a few hand lines. The crops grown were grain and alfalfa, with alfalfa becoming the dominate crop produced. The well and pumping system produced adequate water to grow the crops.

(7) During 1987, ownership of the ranch was assumed by Idaho State Bank. The bank sold the wheel lines, and I do not believe that the ranch was irrigated during the time the bank owned the property.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Dated this 22 day of March 2006.


WILLIAM SWEET

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me on this 22nd day of March 2006.




Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at Fairfield, Idaho
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AFFIDAVIT OF BONNIE SWEET

STATE OF IDAHO)

) ss:

COUNTY OF CAMAS)

I, Bonnie Sweet, after first being duly sworn upon oath, depose and state that:

(1) My name is Bonnie Sweet.

(2) I am familiar with Sand Springs Ranch because my husband, William Sweet, and I lived on the ranch during the summer months from 1953 to 1957 and operated the ranch. Beginning in 1957, we lived on the ranch year round and operated the ranch through 1986. In 1987, ownership of the ranch was assumed by Idaho State Bank. We have continued to live in the Fairfield area from 1987 to the present but have not been involved in operating the ranch since 1987.

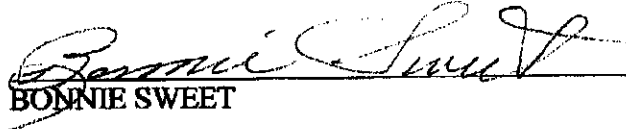
(3) I know that the ranch was flood irrigated until the mid-1970s when sprinklers were installed on the ranch property east of Highway 46. The source of water for the ranch was Twin Lakes Reservoir and Irrigation Company (Twin Lakes), and the water was delivered by the North Canal from Mormon Reservoir.

(4) When the sprinklers were installed, all of the irrigation ditches on the ranch property east of the highway were eliminated except for one ditch running to a sump from which the water was pumped into the mainline for the sprinklers. We continued to flood irrigate the ranch property west of the highway.

(5) When the well was completed in 1979 and connected to the sprinklers for the ranch property east of the highway, we no longer used the Twin Lakes water on this part of the ranch. We did continue to use the Twin Lakes water on the ranch property west of Highway 46 and other property we owned about 1½ miles south of Sand Springs Ranch. With the well, we grew some grain but primarily alfalfa on the ranch property east of the highway.

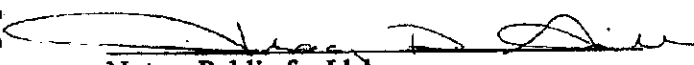
FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Dated this 22 day of March 2006.


BONNIE SWEET

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me on this 22nd day of March 2006.

TRACY D. GILL
Notary Public
State of Idaho

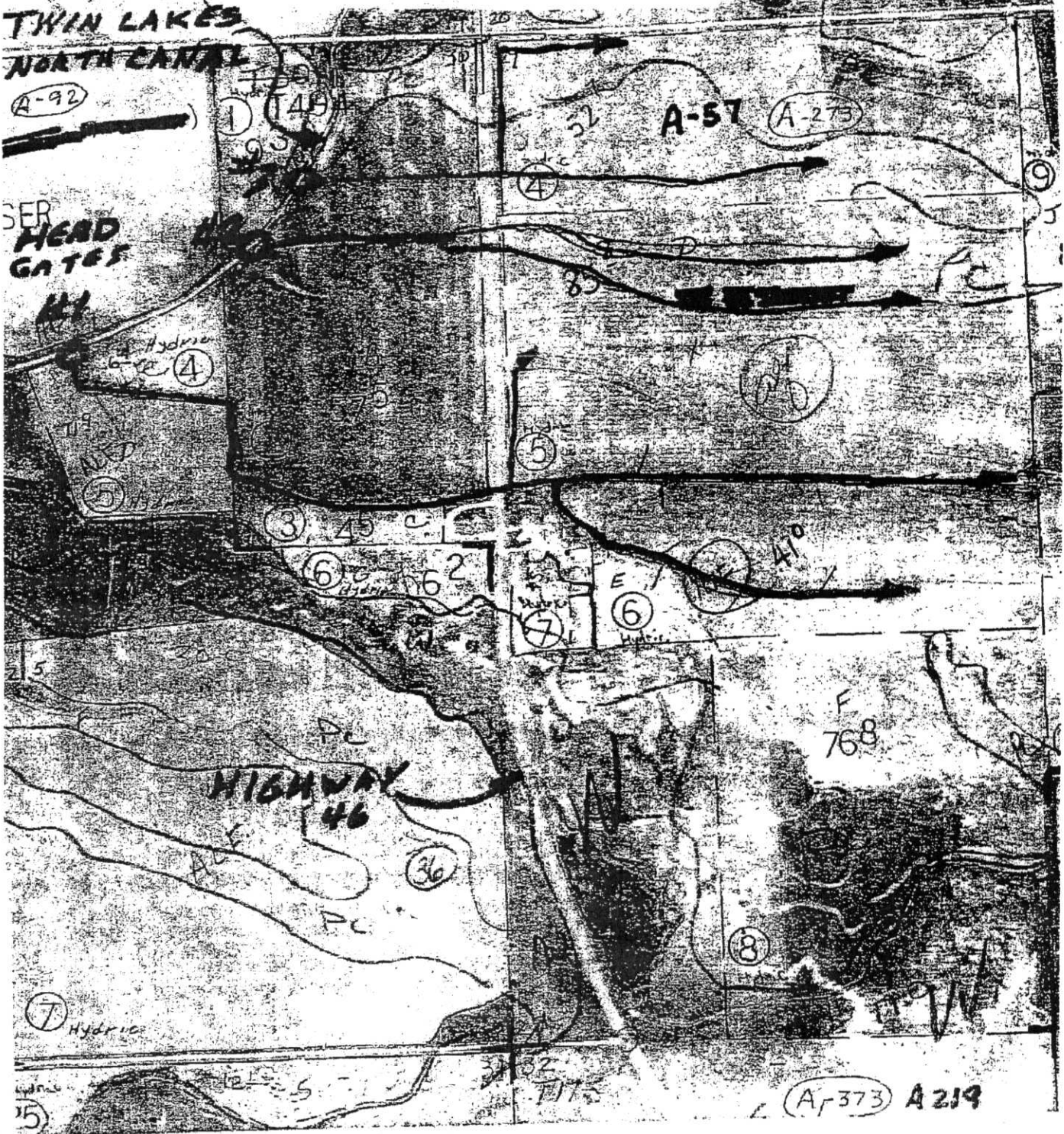

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Map accompanying Bill Sweet Affidavit
showing flood irrigation of Sand Springs Ranch
using Twin Lake's water
prior to 1975

Map Base - 1977 FSA photo



Map accompanying Bill Sweet Affidavit
showing irrigation of Sand Springs Ranch
using well water
1980 to 1986

Map Base - 1984 FSA photo

