



State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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**RE: APPLICATION TO LEASE TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK.
WATER RIGHT NO. 61-7081A (61-12148)**

Dear Applicant:

The Department of Water Resources acknowledges receipt of your application to lease the above referenced water right to the Idaho Water Supply Bank (bank). During 2006, staff resources at the Idaho Department of Water Resources (department) were focused on the completion of the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). As a result, other department functions have not been fully operational including processing of water supply bank applications. Efforts are now being made to address the backlog of applications. Please consider the following with regard to your water right:

Application to Lease or Sell a Water Right to the Water Supply Bank:

If you filed an application to lease or sell a water right(s) to the bank, the department will hold your application(s) for review as resources allow. If the right is determined to be eligible for acceptance into the bank and if additional information is not required upon review of the application(s), the right will be entered into the bank as of the date of receipt of the application. The acceptance date may be adjusted if additional information is required. Please note the forfeiture period is not tolled unless a right is accepted into the bank. If forfeiture is a concern, you may also consider filing an application for Extension of Time to Avoid Forfeiture.

Preliminary Review of your application:

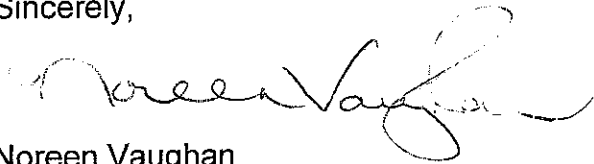
A preliminary review of your application has been completed to determine if additional information is required to proceed with processing as described above. Based on this initial review, the additional information required is: Written documentation of use in 2004 from Mr. Jack Post, this will provide evidence of use within the past five years to demonstrate that the right has not been lost through abandonment or forfeiture.

Please provide the information within sixty days (60) of the date of this letter or the application will be returned.

Also, please note that the water right number referenced on your application should include portion A. Water Right 61-7081A

The department will hold the referenced application and proceed as described above as time allows. If the application is not processed prior to the end of the requested lease or rental term, it will be returned to the applicant. The department regrets the inconvenience caused by the delay. Please contact me at (208) 287-4800 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Noreen Vaughan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Noreen Vaughan
Water Rights Permits Section