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July 28, 2007

Dear Kay,

I received your letter dated July 26 today and will attempt to address your questions before leaving for 3 weeks to Germany tomorrow. I have also included the signed revised application requested.

QUESTIONS:

- 1.) Interference with Springs: My consultant, informed me after receiving Brad Little's concern that the springs are in a different water stringer/aquifer section from our well or a well we'd drill in the future. Regardless, any interpretations are just that. I plan to visit with Brad and come to some agreement of offering him water from my sources or cut back on water consumption should my well or irrigation program adversely affect his springs. My well is approximately 4,200 ft from his corral/springs area to the west as denoted on the attached aerial. I want to see his cattle as much as my agricultural.
- 2.) Stability of Water Supply: My consultant believes there is plenty of water to support 5 cfs over my 450 acres; however, the economics of withdrawing this amount is yet to be determined. The recent well drilled tested 175 gpm by the drill rig and 125 gpm for a stabilized flow with a pump test. This was a good well; however further time with this well in operation and future exploration shall determine the economics. I also want to monitor the aquifer to be sure we're not adversely affecting it. We believe it is vast and continuous, but time in operation will tell.
- 3.) Public Interest: I have enclosed a copy of my letter to the Gem Co. Commissioners. I have spoken to the local Fish & Game officer and they are quite positive, of course. Should you need something else please notify me by email. ←

I have faxed the well test data to Brad Little, but our schedules have inhibited a discussion regarding his protest on file. I expect we'll need until October to work things out. If an extension is needed for this timing, I would appreciate that.

Sincerely,



Ron Mayhew

Attachments:

Gem County Commissioners
Gem County Courthouse
415 E. Main
Emmett, ID 83617

July 28, 2007

Dear Commissioners:

I own 450 acres of the old Warren Davis property on Sand Hollow and Willow Creek roads. These gentle foothills are currently in cheat grass and sage, the result of land abuse over the past 150 years. In their current condition they also pose a fire risk in the summer. My objective in purchasing this land was to work with fish & game and agricultural experts to bring some life back to this property.

My first step was to drill a water well in an area close to a power source to assess an aquifer that many said was a wasted effort. This was finished in December and pump tested in May at 125 gpm. I plan to install a variable speed drive to efficiently control the amount of water drawn from the aquifer (i.e. not waste water or power). The well test showed over 50 ft. of water sands available in the 213 ft. well, a great well. Subject to water rights approval, I will begin a planting/irrigation program. After some positive results, I'll then evaluate the next well location(s) to expand the agricultural plantings to the next area(s). I also have 3 seepages used for cattle watering.

I plan to use this water to irrigate crops and trees that I'd like to plant once water rights are approved. A part of the approval process is to solicit comments from the county. I have attached a copy of the application and aerial photos for your reference. The only water rights within ½ mile of my property on record with the IDWR are springs to the west (See "Corral" on photo) are held by Brad Little (see IDWR attachment). I am in direct contact with him and his approval will be addressed directly to the IDWR once we complete an agreement. My well location is also denoted, approximately 4200 ft. to the east of the "Corral."

Should you have comments or concerns feel free to call, email or write me at the contact information below. Unfortunately, I will be out of the country until August 17. I suspect there will be no comment and if so, please drop a note as such. I will, as required, furnish a copy of your correspondence to IDWR.

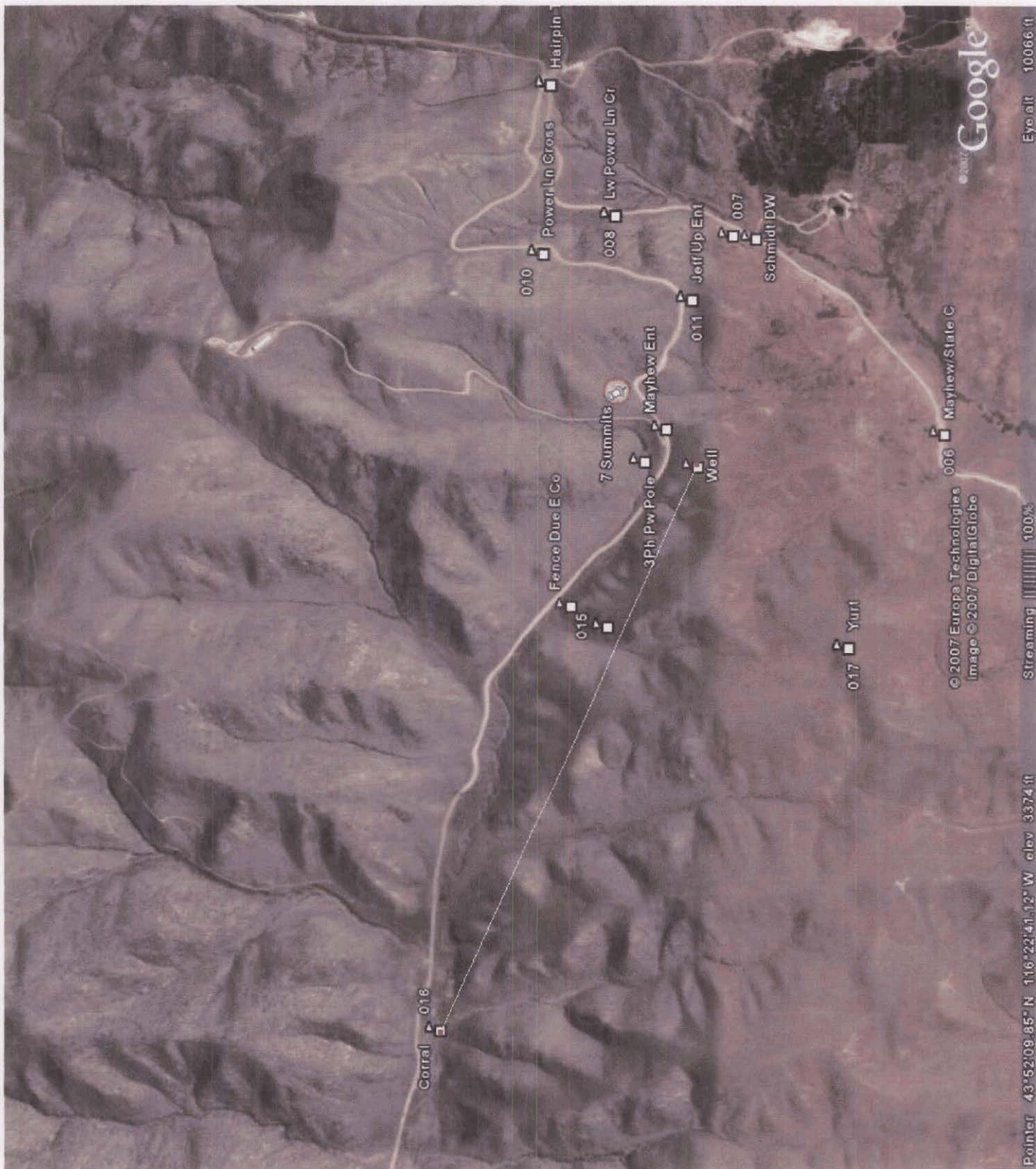
Thank you for your time to review & comment.

Sincerely,


Ron Mayhew

Attachments: Existing water rights within ½ mile, aerial photos, map

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