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Scott L Campbell, Atty
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RE: Status of Applications for Permit (4)—Tree Top Ranches

Dear Mr. Campbell:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the status of Mr. William's wildlife applications at our regional office. The following processing has been completed thus far:

- Requested project data and information has been compiled by Steve Lester.
(field trip)
- Coordinated with other resource agencies the approach for input and comments on the applications
- Set processing structure for beneficial wildlife use in the lower Boise River/Parma area with the Allocations Bureau

At present, we have 6 additional applications in the Parma area for wildlife use during the non-irrigation time period, totaling 300+ cfs flow. Our intent is to process/review the applications as a group for the most efficiency.

As you are aware, 2006 has been prioritized by our administrators for the completion of the Adjudication (SRBA). Both state office and regional allocation staff have been temporarily re-assigned to SRBA claim processing. Our regional allocation staff has only been able to work on applications as time has permitted. We are estimating the SRBA processing will be completed by the end of 2006 with our offices back to normal operations in early January. Your client's applications will be made priority for remaining processing by staff.

This is frustrating, and presents many issues to applicants trying to complete projects. I greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding in our prior discussions regarding the applications. Please contact me if you have concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Westra'.

John Westra, Manager
Western Regional Office

cc: D Tuthill, SO