

Merritt, Allen

From: Merritt, Allen
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2002 4:30
To: Larsen, Dick; 'Joan Asson'
Cc: Young, Norm
Subject: RE: Need information

Dear Ms Asson:

The development or expansion of the Pomerelle Ski area is associated with two applications pending before the Department. Both applications have been filed by the USDA Forest Service. Both applications have been protested by various parties and are considered contested cases.

Application for Transfer 5194 proposes modification of a historic water right to include snow making. This application is protested by Earl Warthen of Albion. Mr. Warthen is represented by Norm Semanko, an attorney out of Boise.

Application for a new water permit No. 45-07745 proposes diversion and storage of water for snow making. This application is protested by Earl Warthen and Fred Hawker of Albion.

Andrwood, Inc has intervened into both of these contested cases and is represented by Roger Ling, an attorney from Rupert. Andrwood Inc. participation in these matters is in support of the applications.

Recently Leo Bell from Albion has petitioned to intervene into these contested cases. His petition will be considered in the next day or so. He wishes to intervene in objection to these applications.

Currently there is a pre-hearing conference scheduled for these matters on April 18 at 1:00 pm at the Forest Service building at 3650 South Overland Ave in Burley.

As you may understand, since these matters are considered contested cases before the department, no representative of the department should speak "for" or "against" the proposal. You may wish to contact the parties referenced above to see if they wish to speak at your meeting.

Allen Merritt
Southern Region Manager

-----Original Message-----

From: Larsen, Dick
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2002 3:26 PM
To: 'Joan Asson'; Merritt, Allen
Cc: Young, Norm
Subject: RE: Need information

Dear Ms. Asson:

Thank you for your email regarding a speaker dealing with potential water rights in the Pomerelle Resort area. I will forward your request to Allen Merritt, our Southern Region Manager, the IDWR region in which the Pomerelle area falls. He will respond directly to you.

Dick Larsen
Public Information Officer
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-----Original Message-----

From: Joan Asson [mailto:mcidcham@minicassiachamber.org]
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2002 1:42 PM
To: dlarsen@idwr.state.id.us
Subject: Need information

Hello,

I don't know if I came to the right place with regards to my request for information. I hope you will be able to direct me to the appropriate person or agency.

I am the Executive Director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, located in Heyburn. We have scheduled Woody Anderson from Pomerelle Mountain Resort to speak at our April member luncheon on the proposed future expansion of his ski area. The Chamber directors are excited about this expansion, however, we understand that Mr. Anderson's project has met with obstacles on the water rights that is included with this proposal. My directors would like to provide as much information on this expansion project as possible to the general Chamber membership to expose both sides of this issue. Do you know who I can contact to come speak at the Chamber membership luncheon regarding the other side of this issue? Please let me know as soon as possible because, due to the time limits. By the way, our luncheon is April 11th at noon. Waiting for your response.

Thank you,
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