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July 7, 2006
Boise, ID 83709

Allen Merritt, PE
Idaho Dept of Water Resources
1341 Fillmore St
Suite 200
Twin Falls, ID 83301-3380

Re: Application #72-16687 to appropriate water in the Salmon River Drainage

Dear Mr. Merritt,

In an effort to comply with water appropriation rules IDAPA37.03.08, and in particular numbers 40.05.c thru 40.05g, we respectfully submit the following for your review. To expedite matters since I was out of town, I asked my brother, Gilbert J. Bolen, to get the necessary information gathered as best he could. He spoke to Shelley Keen on 6-30-06 and believes that what is submitted to you should be sufficient for a positive grant of water rights on my property. If for some reason it does not satisfy some requirements, we respectfully request a time extension to secure the additional documentation.

My brother also asked IDFG representative Tom Curet and IDEQ representative Troy Saffle to forward directly to you their approval.

40.05c
i. Our response is this information is not applicable for reason that we are not asking for a permit to apropriate spring or surface water on this application.
ii. Our response is that there appears to be numerous domestic sites within the one-half mile radius of our property, which is located just NW of the Old Sawmill Station. Sawmill Station is well-known in the area for camping, gas & diesel, and grocery-hamburger business. I am enclosing pictures of our land with a view of our well house. There is one piece of property that grows alfalfa possibly partially within the one-half mile radius to the west of us. I do not know where they get their water from. The property is gated. Also, ours is not a proposed well. There has been a well on our property for probably 25 years and it had a water right associated with it for years. I believe the only reason we are completing this application is that the former owner(s) of the land let the permit lapse.
iii. Our response is that the well is already existing, the construction was completed years ago and we only want water to use domestically and to possibly add grass and shrubs in the future. We don't feel it will impact any of the current users.

40.05d
i. Our response is we do not intend to use as much water as the original water right granted and will conform to amounts requested in the original application, .07cfs.
ii. Our response is that the quantity of water available is quite sufficient for our needs as well as others. When our well was being used it caused no problems we are aware of.

40.05e
i. Our response is not applicable because we have none of these deeds, leases, easements, or applications for right of way from any federal or state agency. Ours is private land.
ii. Our response is that the only application pertaining to this property is the one for water rights at present time.

40.05f
i. Our response is that we are purchasing the property over time and at some point of time, having received a proper water right grant, we may spend approximately $1000.00 for a lawn sprinkler system. When my brother talked to Shelley Keen, Shelley indicated that this particular requirement was intended for persons or businesses planning construction requiring large amounts of capital. I assure you our dreams are more modest and we would like to possibly build a cabin on our property at some point of time in the future.
ii. Our response is not applicable because we have no plans or specifications for any project at this time. Again I repeat that the well on our property is existing.

40.05g
Our response is that my brother, Gilbert J. Bolen, phoned Tom Curet with IDFG and Troy Saffle with IDEQ, discussed the application with them and submitted their requests to them via US Postal Service on 6-30-06. Both gentlemen indicated to my brother they saw no reason for not approving my application. My brother asked both gentlemen to submit their recommendations directly to you to improve the chances of meeting the 30 day response requirement.

Should you need additional information, please contact my brother at 208-362-9043 or mail to Gilbert J. Bolen, 9190 Aquarius, Boise, ID 83709. I will do my best to supply him with your requests or send them to you if time permits.

My wife and I hope this fulfills our obligation to secure a water right on our property.

Sincerely,

James F. Bolen

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From S.W. Corner of property looking slightly N.E. - picture from Highway 75



From 2/3 away from Highway 75 looking South - Sawmill Station & School



From 2/3 away from Highway 75 looking South - can see Sawmill Station



From Salmon River looking South



From Salmon River looking N.E.



Salmon River looking slightly N.W.



Looking West from almost on Salmon River



Looking East 2/3 way from Highway 75



Looking West from 2/3 way from Highway 75



From Salmon River looking North @ Service Station - Well house on right



Looking East 1/3 of way on property from Highway 75 - Residential



From 1/3 of way to North of property looking West - Residential areas



From Middle of property S to N - Well house existing picture from Highway 75



From Middle of property S to N - Well House (existing) on left. Picture from Highway 75