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Dear Mr. Mayer,

I have received your proposal to install a pump and irrigation system on your Middle Fork property at the 07 Ranch. Scenic Easement Administrator, Heather Berg met with you at your property May 12, the date the proposal was received.

The proposal includes placing an electric submersible pump into the Middle Fork Clearwater. No platforms or pump house is proposed. The pump would be attached to water line feed through an existing culvert under US Highway 12. Power for the pump would be buried and come from the existing power pedestal near the shop. The power line would run through the same culvert as the water line.

Depending on pump performance an above ground or buried irrigation distribution system will be installed to irrigate approximately 7 acres of pasture on the lower portion of the property.

The activities proposed are in full compliance with the Scenic Easement which encumbers this property. Specifically item 1c which allows the easement area to be used for *general crop and livestock farming* and item 2i which requires *no permission to drill wells or to lay, operate, maintain, repair, or remove water and sewer pipelines, conduits, or drains below the surface of the easement area insofar as such activities do no permanently impair or ruin the natural beauty of said easement area.*

Prior to implementing the pumping and irrigation system valid water rights must be obtained from the Idaho Department of Water Resources and an Encroachment Permit must be obtained from the Idaho Department of Transportation.

Please contact Heather Berg at this office if you have questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Benita G. Weddle

for CYNTHIA A. LANE
District Ranger

