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May 2, 2006

JAMES STRALEY
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Re: Application for Transfer No. 72728 for Water Right No. 2-7172F

Dear Mr. Straley:

Processing of your transfer application for a minor correction to the point of diversion is underway. The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) expects to issue its decision on this matter in the next few weeks if not sooner. A favorable outcome is expected except for one hitch.

The water right lists 4 acres of irrigation. The record includes the following database notes as follows:

- 6/9/2005 POU Comment: Aerial photography, PLSS and Elmore Co. taxlot info only show 3 acres. Recommended for 3 acres.
- 1/23/2006 Quantity Comment: Spoke with land owner, says he pays taxes for 4 acres. Recommended .08cfs for 4 acres.

The enclosed map displays the place of use for this right, which matches the tax parcel from the county records. The total property is about 3 acres. This is consistent with one of the above referenced notes but not with the other one.

Transfer approval would be expected to be limited to 3 acres based on available documents. It could be increased to 4 acres if you can provide the following documentation:

1. Show the location of the additional acre.
2. Provide proof of ownership for that additional land, or at least provide written consent to irrigate that property from the owner of record if someone else owns it.

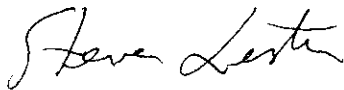
Your written confirmation of this information should be received by May 19, 2006. Processing based on 3 acres of irrigation will continue without that confirmation.

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IDWR issues its transfer application decisions in the form of a preliminary order. The order allows 14 days for appeal. If you cannot make the May 19 deadline and if the transfer is approved for 3 acres, you will have another chance to provide additional information to refute the acreage limitation.

I am sending a copy of this letter to your local address in Hammett. Please let me know if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Lester". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "L".

Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure