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James Peterson
201 Little Wood River Rd
Carey, ID 83320

RE: App For Transfer 71902

Dear Mr. Peterson;

Now that the SRBA recommendations have been completed for the surface rights covered by this transfer, I have started the pre-advertising review of your application. The recommendations have not been objected to so far, so I presume that they are acceptable to you (although you still have until March 10 to file an objection with the SRBA court). The rights were only recommended on the land they were originally decreed to, not to the additional land that you claimed them on. So the proposed new place of use of these rights has no private surface rights now, only ground water from two separate wells. The recommendations on the surface rights allow 235 acres to be irrigated, not the 362.9 acres requested in the transfer. The groundwater rights can add another 140 acres IF they are included in the transfer, which they are not at this time.

For the above reasons, it would probably be best for you to make an appointment to visit my office to discuss your application.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent