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RE: Tract 17212 Set-aside or CRP History

Dear County Executive Director:

I am currently working on a transfer on water rights that are appurtenant to Tract 17212 (Land with the following legal description: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 29, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 31, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 32, T11S, R41E).

Water rights in Idaho are subject to forfeiture for five (5) consecutive years of non-use. Water rights on land placed in federal programs, such as the CRP Program, are an exception from the forfeiture rule for as long as the land is registered in the program.

A question about the potential forfeiture of the water rights for Tract 17212 has been raised. A review of the documentation of the set-aside or CRP history for Tract 17212 will assist the department in evaluating the issue of forfeiture.

What documentation can be provided to the department about the set-aside or CRP history for Tract 17212, and what procedures are needed to obtain this or other appurtenant information? Your assistance in obtaining this information will be appreciated.

Your response on or before July 8, 2005, will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Keith C. Wilson
Senior Resource Agent