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RICHARD BORST
35 DEER TRAIL DR
SALMON ID 83467

RE: Williams Lake Recreational Water and Sewer District water rights

Dear Mr. Borst:

As you requested, I have enclosed a copy of the order issuing Permits 75-7589 and 75-7590. When we spoke on the phone, I did not have access to this document, so I could not remember the exact language regarding in-house use. Condition no. 4 of the order actually says, "Use of water shall be limited to in-house use only." Apparently the condition got entered into IDWR's computer database at one time as, "Use of water for domestic purposes under this right shall be limited to in-house use and watering of household stock." However, the language of the written order is official.

As we discussed, I do not know if the condition was intended to prevent the watering of household stock, which is typically viewed by IDWR as a "de minimis" (negligible) use. I am relatively certain, however, that it was intended to prevent the consumption of water that results from irrigation of lawn, gardens, landscaping, etc. You may wish to seek clarification of the meaning of the condition through the amendment process the board has initiated.

If you have any questions, please call me at 208-287-4947, or email me at shelley.keen@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Shelley W. Keen
Water Rights Supervisor

Cc: IDWR Eastern Region