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Matthew Thompson
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VIA E-mail

RE: Transfer 72035

Dear Matt:

As you have requested I am writing this letter to provide a status report on the water right transfer filed in the name of Cranney Land Company LLC and Shoulder 3 Ranches Inc. This transfer has been numbered 72035. As you know the transfer was initially filed on June 22, 2005. The transfer proposed modification of rights 45-7335, 45-7355 and 45-13549 that would essentially dry up 303 acres worth of water and convert the water use to Commercial and Stockwater needs at a new dairy proposed to be constructed in Sections 23 and 24 of T12S, R21E in Cassia County.

Jim Stanton is the water right agent in our office that has been reviewing the application. Based on Jims review and requests for clarification our office has been provided additional information and an amendment of the application. The submittal was received September 23, 2005. The modified application deals with the same rights listed above but changes some of the quantities, locations, etc but is essentially the same project. The modified application provides 1.98 cfs, 1146.8 afa for what is described as a 12,900 cow (10,836 lactating and 2,064 dry listed as a total of 18,060 Animal Units) dairy.

Once Jim Stanton returns from Oregon the recent information will be reviewed and a notification prepared for publication in the South Idaho Press for two days in two consecutive weeks. At the time of the publication the public will have 10 days after the final date of publication to submit a protest to the department if they determine the proposal will injure their water right, etc. To date no date of publication has been set.

If no protest is filed and the department's review finds no particular problem the department will issue an approved transfer.

If you have questions about this matter please feel free to contact me at this office.

Sincerely,

Allen Merritt, PE
Southern Region Manager