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SUBJECT: Concern about Deeg Well

On 3/25/97 I met with a group of people from the American Falls area that was investigating Timothy Deeg's water rights associated with his well in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 6, Twp.09S, Rge.31E, B.M. This well is the same well that was recently inspected by Gary Funderburg and Helen Thornton. I understand that a down hole camera and temperature probe was used in the inspection.

The group, including Lamar Issack was concerned about the affect of the Deeg well on their wells &/or surface water located north of the Deeg well in Basin 29. Members of the group had protested the Deeg transfer of 41-07030.

A review of the rights presently associated with the well are:

41-07030 lic 1.40 cfs 01/02/1978 * approved transfer to this location. Amended Final Order 3/21/1995.

41-07071 lic 0.12 cfs 07/13/1983

41-07076 permit 4.80 cfs 09/11/1985 * amended to this location on 12/8/1995. Drilling permit 41-96-S-0004-000 issued 11/14/1996. No log submitted so well was not drilled. Proof filed 12/23/1996. Field exam pending.

41-07081 permit 6.95 cfs 02/28/1990 Proof filed 6/9/1990. Field exam pending.

41-07089 applic 1.78 cfs 02/25/1993 * moratorium hold

After reviewing these rights with them they concluded that the development they had been observing was according to permits (apparently they had missed the advertising of the 41-07076 amendment) The group suspects Deeg is drilling a new well but review of files finds that he does not have a current drilling permit, nor should he be allowed to modify use since proof has been submitted on 41-07076.

I have attempted to contact Deeg by phone 226-5588 to discuss this matter with him but have not been able to get a hold of him. It seems to rotate into a data line.

Since the group wanted to know what to do if they feel they have better information as far as interference with their rights; I provided them with a copy of the conjunctive management rules where they may initiate a "call" if they feel it is warranted.

I recommend that the field exams for 41-07076 & 41-07081 be scheduled as soon as possible. No additional drilling permits should be issued without close consideration. Contact Deeg.