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Re: Permit No. 47-7923

This is in response to your request for further information about "... how the well is used for stockwater in conjunction with your Twin Falls Canal Company water."

A general explanation of the use of this well for stockwater should provide answers to all three questions you have raised, and then I will provide specific answers to each.

Our livestock operation on this property involves sheep which are either ewes with small lambs during the lambing period or older lambs or adult sheep which are confined to pens or buildings. There are also sheep, and potentially cattle, which graze crop aftermath or irrigated pastures on the farm.

We have another permitted, small well which is used exclusively for stock water for these animals. Except for the pasture animals, all water is delivered through a pipeline system to dozens of pens and the lambing barn (shed) utilized by the sheep operation. Sheep require clean water and availability of this water is critical on a continuous basis during the lambing period. The nature and intensity of the lambing period precludes delivery of adequate water via tanker trucks.

Permit No. 47-7923, is primarily a supplemental irrigation well. However, because of concerns for a water source should the livestock well fail during the lambing period, we also applied for livestock use on this permit. This is accomplished with a small electric pump attached to the pipeline delivery system, placed at the discharge point of the well. Thus only a small portion of the water discharged is utilized for livestock on an emergency basis. The remainder flows down irrigation ditches and would either be returned to groundwater or eventually find its way into Deep Creek. I believe there have only been three or four instances when it was necessary to activate the emergency backup system in the past 20 years.

Answers to specific questions:

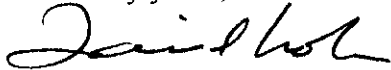
1. For pasture animals, Twin Falls Canal Company water is used. Pasture animals may also utilize the unused water from the small livestock well. No Canal Company water is used for animals confined to pens. Lambing occurs during February, March and April. Some crop aftermath grazing may occur in November, December and January, but we do not use this well to provide water for grazing animals.

2. Yes, but only in rare emergencies.

3. As indicated above, we have no means of throttling back the well, but utilize only a small portion of the discharge for livestock, via a booster pump through a pipeline. The balance of the discharge either returns to groundwater or exits via Deep Creek.

I can be reached by phone at 208-733-3627, or cell phone at 208-850-1563.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laird Noh", written in a cursive style.

Laird Noh,