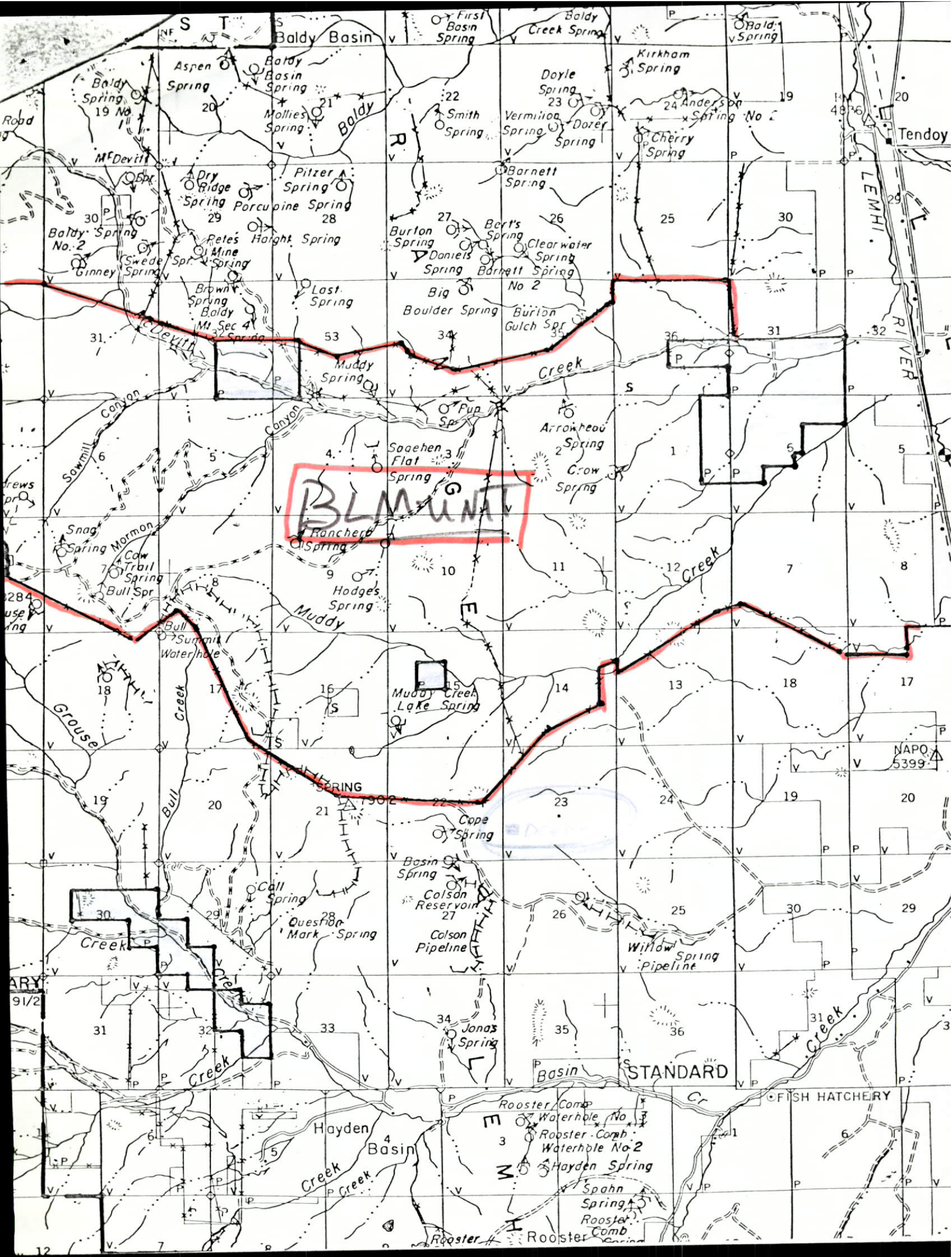




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2829 Del Oro Lane
Fullerton, California 92635

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August 19, 1975

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Statehouse, Annex 2
Boise, Idaho 83707

Gentlemen:

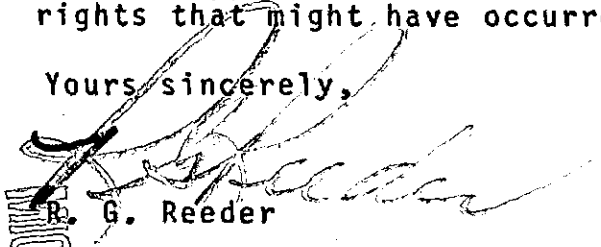
I am contemplating making an offer to purchase the McDevitt Creek Ranch from Ross A. Lyon & Sons, Tendoy, Idaho.

Deeded property is located on McDevitt creek in R. 23 E. and R. 24 E. in parts of Sections 32, 33, 36, 31, 1 & 6 66 T. 18 N. and in the Hayden creek basin, specifically with Trail creek and Grouse creek running through the property of R. 23 E. in parts of sections 29, 30 & 32 of T. 17 N.

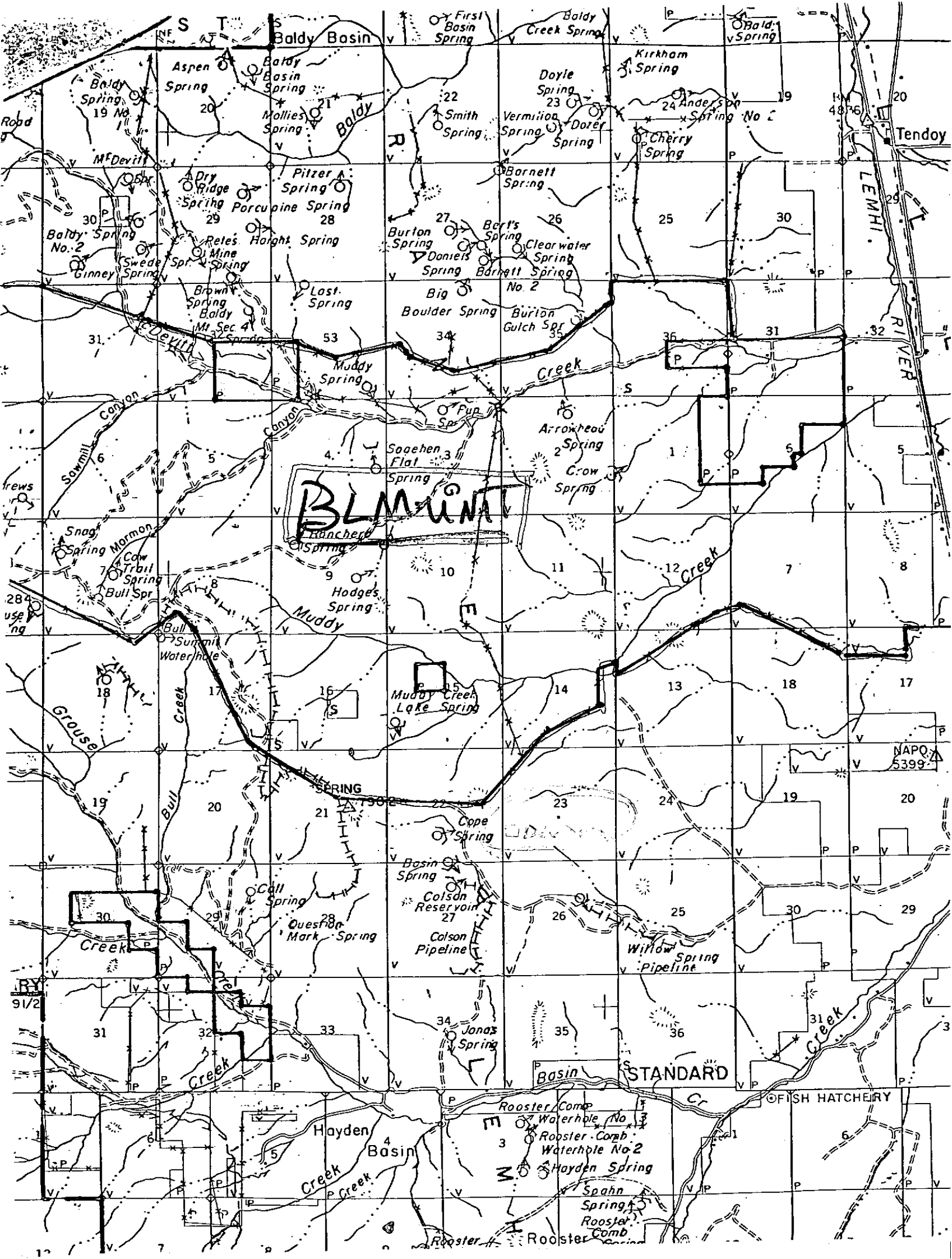
Specifically what water rights go with this property at this time as to surface irrigation, well irrigation, reservoirs, etc. Part of the property carries the McDevitt Creek BLM unit.

Any assistance that you can give me as to present, future or contemplated use or restrictions of water rights will be greatly appreciated. Also if any major changes in the water rights that might have occurred in the last 25 years.

Yours sincerely,

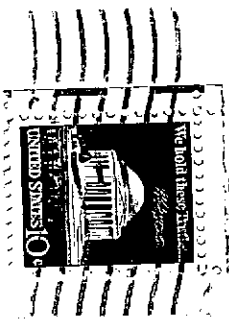

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R. Keith Higginson
Dept. of Water Administration
Statehouse Annex 2
Boise, Idaho 83707



August 25, 1975

Re: Water Rights--McDevitt Creek, Trail Creek & Grouse Creek in Lemhi County

R. G. Reeder
2829 Del Oro Lane
Fullerton, CA 92635

Dear Mr. Reeder:

This office acknowledges receipt of your letter dated August 19, 1975 in which you inquire about water rights for specific lands as outlined in your letter.

The following recommended claims of water rights identified as 74-0533, 74-0664, 74-0668, 74-0669, 74-0681, 74-0673, 74-0674, 74-0675, 74-0678, 74-0679, 74-2336 and 74-2337, as well as all other uses of water in the Lemhi River Basin are currently pending before the district court. As background information, the Department is involved in a general determination of water rights in the Lemhi River Basin. The Department has made a recommendation to the district court concerning all of the water rights in that basin. Enclosed are copies of pages of the Department's recommendations concerning those water rights.

To my knowledge, there has not been a protest against any of the claims of water rights submitted in the name of Andrew Livestock Co.

The pending adjudication in the Lemhi River Basin is an effort to determine the existing water rights within the basin. Future appropriation of water must be done through the statutory method of appropriation by applying for a permit. This procedure is administered through this Department.

If this office can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

L. GLEN SAXTON
Water Resource Analyst

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DATE September 1, 1972

TO Glen Sexton

Department of Water Administration

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SUBJECT Water Rights in Lemhi River Adjudication

Robert Steele, Rt. #1, Box 504, Elbert, Colorado 80106, called inquiring about use rights and/or claims of Ernest Andrew on McDevitt Creek in 19N, 24E, Sec. 31 & 36, and 18N, 24E, Sec. 6.

We would like for you to write the letter to Mr. Steele.

Mike

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September 6, 1972

Mr. Robert Steele
Route 1, Box 504
Elbert, Colorado 80106

Dear Mr. Steele:

This office is in receipt of your inquiry concerning use rights and/or claims of Andrews Livestock Co. c/E.J. Andrews on McDevitt Creek trib., to Lemhi River in Lemhi County, Idaho.

Mr. E. M. Andrews has filed the following "Notice of Claim to a Water Right" forms with the Department of Water Administration on McDevitt Creek Water uses:

Claim Identification No's::

74-2336	74-0674
74-2337	74-0675
74-0533	74-0678
74-0664	74-0679
74-0673	

Copies of the claims are available from the Department upon request at a cost of 25¢ per copy.

If this office can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

L. GLEN SAMPSON
Adjudication Supervisor

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September 9, 1972
Elbert, Colorado

Mr. L. Glen Saxton
State of Idaho
Department of Water Administration
Statehouse - Annex 2
Boise, Idaho 83707

Dear Mr. Saxton:

Thank you for your letter of September 6, 1972 in regard to my inquiry concerning use rights and/or claims of Andrews of Andrews Livestock Co. c/ E.J. Andrews on McDovitt Creek trib., to Lemhi River in Lemhi County, Idaho.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$2.25 in payment for copies of the form "Notice of claim to a Water Right" filed by Andrews Livestock Co. c/ E.J. Andrews on McDovitt Creek. As per your letter of September 6th, the Claim Identification No.'s are:

74-2336	74-0664	74-0675
74-2337	74-0673	74-0678
74-0533	74-0674	74-0679

I presume that all these "Claims to a Water Right" is for water to be used on lands located in sections 31, 32, 33, 36 Township 19 North, Range 23 East and in Section 6, Township 18 North, Range 24 East. This water to be used in the irrigation of approximately 574.3 acres and to water the livestock thereon. If this is not correct, please, so advise.

In looking at the plat that I obtained from the Bureau of Land Management, I find that they list the deeded land in the name of E.M. Andrews. You list it as E.J. Andrews. Why should there be this discrepancy?

I stopped in Dillon, Montana to talk to Mr. Dick Briggs who drilled the well for Mr. Andrews. Mr. Briggs gave me a copy of the well log. At 900 feet he began encountering a porous red lava formation that he thought would produce good water if drilled to the bottom of the strata. This seems to be strictly "Wildcat territory". Does the State of Idaho have any kind of program to assist in the financing of such deep exploratory wells?

It was nice visiting with you while I was in Salmon, Idaho the middle of August. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I will appreciate any suggestions you might have concerning the investigation of these Water rights and the process of securing a Court Decree.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Steele

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September 13, 1972

Mr. Robert Steele
Route 1, Box 504
Elbert, Colorado 80106

RE: Lemhi River Adjudication, Civil No. 4948

Dear Mr. Steele:

This office is in receipt of your letter dated September 9, 1972 with enclosed check in the amount of \$2.25 for nine (9) copies of "Notice of Claim to a Water Right" forms filed by Andrews Livestock Co. c/E.M. Andrews.

The claims were filed for domestic, stockwater and irrigation uses appurtenant to the following lands in the vicinity of McDevitt Creek, Lemhi County:

Sec. 6, T18N, R 24E3M
Sec. 32, 33, 36, T19N, R 23E3M
Sec. 31, T19N, R 24E3M

The preliminary maps prepared by this Department, of irrigated lands in the Lemhi River Basin indicate that approximately 170 acres are irrigated on the land described above of E.M. Andrews.

In my letter of September 6, 1972, the name of E.M. Andrews was incorrectly shown as E.J. Andrews.

This Department has no program to assist in the financing of deep exploratory wells that you mentioned in your letter.

I would like to emphasize that the enclosed nine (9) copies of claims filed by E.M. Andrews are as the name suggests, only claims. These claims as well as the other approximately eighteen hundred (1800) claims of water use in the Lemhi Basin have not yet been recommended to the Seventh District Court in the form of a Proposed Finding of Water Right. After the report is recommended to the court, however, and any protests are settled, the court will enter a decree accordingly.

I hope this letter will answer your questions adequately and if this office can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

L. GLEN SAXTON
Adjudication Supervisor

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Enclosures: Claims & Receipt