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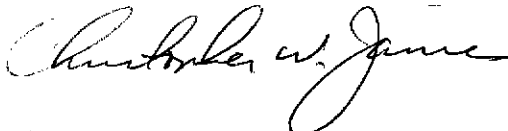
Regarding: Appl. For Permit 72-16624

Dear Mr. Stanton:

According to your advice I contacted the protestant, Bonnie Rowles, and asked her to rescind her protest. She declined.

To me this protest is without merit. We're currently using a shallow well that needs to be treated one or two months of the year. We intend to use this artesian well for our domestic use. Both DEQ and District 7 Health have advised us to find a better source. The artesian well will greatly upgrade the quality and reliability of our water supply. I've enclosed a letter from District 7 to our office manager to that effect.

Yours Truly,



Christopher W. James, Firstfruits Foundation, and Living Waters Ranch.

Enclosure: Letter from District 7 Health to Living Waters Ranch, Dated 2/14/03.



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February 14, 2003

Gloria Jakovak
BLM Land Specialist
South US 93 Highway
Salmon, ID 83467

RE: Living Waters Ranch Public Water System

Dear Ms. Jakovak:

I have been asked to contact you by Mark Bryan, Manager of Living Water Ranch, about their request to run a water transmission line through BLM property. We support water systems like Living Waters Ranch to obtain the highest water quality source possible.

Living Waters Ranch has a history of contamination with its current water supply. Since being activated as a public water system in 1998, the system has accrued seven Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations due to bacteriological contamination.

Because the system must meet drinking water standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we support the Living Waters Ranch efforts in securing an easement for the water transmission line to better their public water supply.

Our file for the system is open for public review. Please contact our office for record assistance or if you have any questions. The number is (208) 523-5382.

Sincerely,


Kellye Eager
REHS

Cc: Richard Horne, Environmental Health Director
Willie Teuscher, DEQ- Idaho Falls
Christopher James, President- Living Waters Ranch
Mark Bryan, Manager- Living Waters Ranch✓