

Memorandum

To: JOHN WESTRA
CC:
From: VICKY MUSIC
Date: 8/10/2007
Re: WATER DISTRICT 57-B, CATHERINE CREEK, AND PHONE CALL FROM WD
SECRETARY, BILL WHITE

I got a phone call on Wednesday from Bill. He called me because I attended a few WD meetings, and he knew that I had been dealing with 2 of the alleged offending water users, Carol and Edmund Brand. The Brands were in following up on a change of ownership they filed a while ago.

Anyway, Bill has already talked to Cynthia about this in late July and so you already have this information. Bill had not heard anything and was following up. I explained to him that the process took longer than a few weeks. Evidently, he wants a letter clarifying a water use situation on Pickett Creek.

He says that in July, there is no longer water in a reach of Pickett Creek on the Gretz, Gisela Schaal and Bob Thomas properties in T4S R1W S 21, 22, 23. Pickett Creek reappears downstream of them and is at least partially spring fed. The historical practice has been for the senior downstream waterusers to let the upstream junior users know when the creek dries up so that the junior users can cut back on their use and the senior users can use the water.

According to Bill, the Brands [I don't know if there are others] think that once the stream dries up, they do not have to cut back on their use because the water won't get to the senior users anyway. When the Brands were in talking to me, they did not mention this. They did state that Gretz did not inform them this year that he was not getting water, but came to their home mad because he wasn't getting water. The Brands stated that in years past, he has called them and let them know, and they would cut back on their use. Bill says that he wrote a letter to them that you have and he has received a response from the Brands that he will forward to you.

So, I told him that I would send you an email or memo making sure you knew that the Brands responded, etc, and reaffirming to you that he wanted something from the Department clarifying the situation, so here it is. His address is: Bill White, 18138 Oreana Loop Rd., Oreana, ID, 83650. Phone: 834-2505. Email: bwhitehyde@aol.com.