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VOLLMER WELL DRILLING  
PO BOX 383  
ABERDEEN ID 83210

RE: Well Tag No. D0081297- Notice to Abandon Constructed Well

Dear Gentlemen:

On March 30, 2020, Vollmer Well Drilling completed a 24-inch well identified by well drilling tag no. D0081297 (hereinafter referred to as “Well D0081297”) located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 27 East, Butte County. According to the Application for Drilling Permit, the new well replaces an existing irrigation well, which is the only authorized point of diversion for water right 34-2277 (aka “Quist Well”). The approved Drilling Permit includes a condition stating that “any well being replaced by a new well shall be properly abandoned by the well driller prior to removing the drilling equipment.” To date, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has not received notice that any well associated with water right 34-2277, Quist Well or Well D0081297, has been abandoned. However, IDWR understands that Well D0081297 does not yield an amount of water sufficient for its intended purpose.

IDWR concludes that Well D0081297 is not authorized for use by a valid water right. Pursuant to Rule 25.16.b. of IDWR’s Well Construction Standards Rules (IDAPA 37.03.09), IDWR may require decommissioning of any well that has no valid water right or other authorization for use of the well.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that Well D0081297 must be decommissioned or abandoned in accordance with IDWR well construction regulations. Consistent with Idaho Code § 42-238(2) and IDAPA 37.03.09.25.16., an abandonment plan must be submitted for review by IDWR prior to the work, a licensed well driller must perform the work and the driller must submit a report describing the abandonment.

For your convenience and use, I have attached to this notice a well abandonment form, *Application for Authorization to Abandon a Well*. Please complete the enclosed abandonment form and return it to IDWR by July 15, 2020, with complete abandonment of D0081297 by December 15, 2020 so future enforcement actions may be avoided. You may contact me directly at 208-287-4957, or the IDWR regional well inspector, Ryan Tracy at 208-525-7161, if you have questions concerning this matter. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tim Luke  
Water Compliance Bureau

c: Ryan Tracy, IDWR Eastern Region Well Inspector  
Cherie Palmer, IDWR Enforcement Coordinator  
Lucas Yokey, Water District 34 Watermaster