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Hi Sandra,

I have re-sent the email where I provided the authorization date on our basin 61 BLM permit.

On basin 29, we are claiming rights that pre-date the Taylor Grazing Act.

What is now considered the "Knox Canyon" allotment which is our current BLM permit was part of the "Big Canyon" allotment or the "Roy Arbon Allotment" up until about 1982. We have quite a bit of personal family records related to this area. My great-grandparents John and Mabel Pauline Bade homesteaded the one side of the mountain in 1909 (see this link and map [Patent Details - BLM GLO Records](#)) and grazed cattle. They were some of the earliest settlers to the Rockland valley. The "Roy" side of the BLM Allotment. The mountain was grazed as one unit from that time until about the 1982 when it was divided into separate BLM grazing allotments. Travis' grandfather Vern Eames homesteaded and had a land patent on the other side of the mountain in 1932 [Patent Details - BLM GLO Records](#), which we have already provided a copy in our original packet and the map provides you an image as well. You can follow the link and click the map image to see.

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These two patents cover all the upper water claims. Lower water claims are covered by the Leland Bailey land patent that was also provided in the original packet [Patent Details - BLM GLO Records](#). In addition, part of our base property related to our BLM permit today in Arbon is the original Bowen homestead which was the first settlement in Arbon Valley where they lived and raised cattle year-round in 1907 [Patent Details - BLM GLO Records](#), this patent also covers some areas of the current BLM range. Their patent is from 4/17/1907. We have kept the original Bowen cabin in place and intact all these years and have evidence of their stock raising way of life. Also, Travis' great-great grandfather Jesse Ward also was an early settler in the Arbon Valley and his land patent covers the south end of the range [Patent Details - BLM GLO Records](#) 9/25/1907 but at that time it was public grazing and all before the BLM and the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934.

We have personal diaries to show stock was grazed on these specific lands identified by these land patents when these early settlers came to the Arbon and Rockland valleys. Thanks, Heather

On Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 2:12 PM Thiel, Sandra <Sandra.Thiel@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

Hello, I thought I would pass along document examples. We need the following:

1. Original grazing permit for each allotment
2. Original base property ownership: owner shown on the grazing permit. This base property owner should be the original grazing permit owner, or the grazing permit owner at the time of the claimed priority date
3. Documents showing you as a current grazing permit holder for the allotment
4. Documents showing you as the owner of the original base property

If possible please include a chain of title for both the grazing permit and the base property. The chain of title is not necessarily required but may prevent objections. You have grazing permits for the basin 29 claims. I do not find a document with a date on for the basin 61 claims (see below).

I hope this helps.

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Basin 61

Allotment Number and Name:	ID01068	LITTLE CANYON
Distribution	OK	
Management Plan Type:		
Management Plan Implemented Date:		
Management Status Code:	I	IMPROVE CATEGORY
Ephemeral Ecosystem:	N	NO
Grazing Availability:	Y	YES
Decision:		
Staff Assignment:		

Supplemental Land Information		
Ownership	Acres	AUMs
Public Land:	2,480	472
Other Federal:		
State:		
Private:		
Total:	2,480	472

Pastures	
0001	B
0002	A

Type Land Summary									
Code	Description	Level	Acres %	AUMs %	Fund Symbol	Exec Order	Office Acres %	State Acres %	County Acres %
01	PL 03		100	100	145032	0			
LLIDB01000	FOUR RIVERS FIELD OFFICE	Office					100		
ID	IDAHO	State						100	
ID039	ELMORE	County							100

Authorization Cross Reference						
Authorization Office	Authorization Number	Operator Name	Active AUMs	Suspended AUMs	Temp Suspended AUMs	Permitted Use
LLIDB01000	1105181	WILLIAMS, TRAVIS T	473	0	0	473