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Jose Pacheco, Water Resource Agent

Subject: BRBA Claim No. 11-4921

Dear Mr. Pacheco

I was able to procure statements from 2 more neighbors that can verify the continual use of the stream in question for irrigation for my property. I hope this is helpful.

Thank you.

Eric Bowman

Pone # 298-241-8085

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Statement by Tom Phelps April 8th 2026

My name is Tom Phelps and I am 101 years old. I moved to Soda Springs, Idaho in 1945 after being discharged from the service at the end of World War 2. I remember attending the Henry Stampede rodeo many times in the 1940s and 1950s. I remember the spring that was piped under the road which was used for drinking, watering stock and sprinkling the rodeo arena and irrigating the surrounding area. Hundreds of people attended the Stampede every year and it was quite the show.

I live fairly close to this property and have observed over the years continual use of the stream for irrigation to the land that now belongs to Eric Bowman.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Phelps". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tom Phelps

Phone # 208-547-3678

Floating my boat

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From: Balls, Howard (PERATON) (howard.balls@peraton.com)

To: backdocbowman@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 01:12 PM MDT

Hello Eric,

So good to talk to you today. Thank you for the offers for visits to Soda.

Concerning the irrigation waters on your property. The spring across the street next to the mountain has existed for many years and fed a small stream that then irrigated at least back to the 1960's and 1970's. Myself and my friend Kreg Rice back in the late 60's and 70's used to float boats (sticks, plastic, or otherwise) from across the road to the east of your property through the culvert and on into your property where the water eventually dispersed and irrigated different parts of the property. The boats would eventually get to a point where the water would no longer float. Hope this identifies what is needed, if not let me know additional information needed.

Thanks,

Howard Balls

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