

Joyce Livestock Company  
Sinker Creek  
Murphy, Idaho 83650

Cindy Hodges  
Idaho Department of Water Resources  
State Office  
1301 No. Orchard  
Boise, Idaho 83706

Dear Cindy,

Please regard this letter as an urgent call for irrigation water on Sinker Creek below the reservoir. I know that the partial decree of irrigation rights that was released recently by the SRBA Court reads "Irrigation Season", which is not defined. But I also know that the irrigation season recommended for this area starts March 15.

I will be petitioning before next season for an irrigation season much earlier than March 15, and will be presenting evidence supporting an earlier date in the future. But I am needing water now for this season. Temperatures have been in the high 60's for the last three days, my fields are parched, and my neighbors on nearby streams from Squaw Creek to the Bruneau River have all been irrigating for several weeks.

I have been waiting patiently for 17 years since District Court sent my litigation back to Water Resources for settlement in the SRBA Case. I am rapidly losing that patience as expenses mount because of lack of water to my fields. Each Spring I feed an estimated 100 to 200 tons of hay because my pastures are dry and slow to respond when water is turned in.

Please give this your immediate attention and I appreciate any help you can give me to get water turned in as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Paul Nettleton