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### RE: WATER DISTRICT NO. 170 INFORMATION

Dear Mrs. Brooks:

This letter is a follow up to our conversation at your ranch on September 10, 2009. As we discussed, a change of ownership has not been filed for the water right (#72-4048A) appurtenant to your property, so you have not been receiving the correspondence related to the formation of Water District no. 170. In order to ensure the correspondence is sent to you in the future, you must submit the change of ownership form that I left with you. In the meantime, I have enclosed a copy of the order creating the water district as well as an order requiring measurement and control on certain diversions within the water district. The orders are also available for download from the IDWR Internet site at the following link:

<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterDistricts/UpperSalmon/UpperSalmon.htm>

These two orders are relevant to you because the water right appurtenant to your property is administered by the water district and is required to have measurement and control in place.

Your diversion (the groundwater irrigation well) is in compliance with the measurement and control order because it has a lockable power switch and a totalizing flowmeter. Although you are not currently using the well, you indicated that you intend to begin irrigating with it as early as next season. When you do use the well, the totalizing flowmeter must be calibrated and certified periodically (typically every 3-5 years) by water district or IDWR staff. This is a simple procedure where the flowrate from your well will be measured with a portable device and the result compared with that given by your flowmeter to check the accuracy of your flowmeter. There is no cost to you for the calibration/certification.

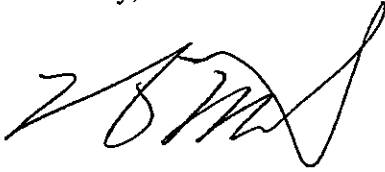
The water district has not been fully active in your area and all activities have been funded by IDWR so far. However, I anticipate user funding for measuring and reporting by a local watermaster to begin within the next year or two. Before that happens, there will be opportunities to be involved in how and when that occurs by attending the annual water district meeting and/or other public information meetings. The next water district Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at the Custer County Court House – 801 Main St. Challis, ID.

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Public information meetings will be held on an as needed basis and will be scheduled at least a month in advance. Users will be notified of both the annual meeting and any public information meetings through the mail and by a published announcement in the Challis Messenger. Again, it is important that you submit the change of ownership form for your water right to ensure you are notified of these meetings.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance with this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Miller', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nick Miller, P.E.

Water Distribution Section, IDWR

Enclosures:

*Amended Final Order Creating Upper Salmon River Water District in Administrative Basins 71 & 72 Water District 170 – April 06, 2006*

*Preliminary Order Requiring Controlling Works and Measuring Devices in Water District 170 – February 20, 2007*