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Dear George:

This letter is to inform you that the Department has received your bill for watermaster services along with measurements on the Curran Ditch and your notes pertaining to certain water rights from Weatherby Springs. A response to your bill for watermaster services will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

George Austiguy and I visited the Curran Tunnel on September 22 to check on the recording device which we recently installed. On our return, we measured the length of the rectangular weir in the Curran Ditch. I wanted to let you know that we did confirm that the length of the weir is ten feet.

Upon reviewing your recorded measurements on the Curran Ditch, I note that the diversions to Curran Ditch often exceeded the 15 cfs under the number one decreed right on the ditch, or right no. 36-0004. I understand that there are some junior priority rights on the ditch but am concerned whether such rights could have been filled at a time when there was reduced spring flow at the head of Billingsley Creek. I also recall you mentioning that water in Curran Ditch is commingled with water from other sources. Is it possible that some of the water at the weir includes commingled water? Given my concern and/or lack of proper understanding, I would like to ask that you provide the Department with some explanation or accounting of the diversions to the Curran Ditch. Such accounting should identify all water rights which may have received water measured by the ten foot weir in the Curran Ditch.

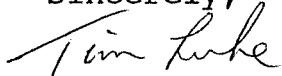
I also wanted to let you know that I have searched the Department records for any transfers which may have been filed on water right no. 36-0177 which has a priority date of February 1, 1888 and was decreed to Guy Lemmon for 1.78 cfs. I have not been able to find any approved transfers or other documentation which authorizes or even refers to a change in the source of water under this right from Weatherby Springs to Big Spring. Our records still show that the source of water for this right is Weatherby Springs. In addition, I can not find any Snake River Basin Adjudication claim which has been filed for this right.

Since you mentioned that you had documentation concerning right no. 36-0177, I suggest you forward that information to me so that we

can clarify our records if necessary. You should also advise me if there is a mistake concerning the status of the adjudication claim for this right.

Thank you for the measurements on Curran Ditch and the rest of your notes concerning the water rights from Weatherby Springs.

Sincerely,



Tim Luke  
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