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March 12, 2013

Allan and Betty Purcell  
98 Purcell Rd.  
Leadore, ID 83464

Re: Your Correspondence Regarding Delivery of Water Rights – Big Timber Creek

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Purcell,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is in receipt of your letter asking us to inform the Water District 74-W watermaster to deliver water for irrigation of certain lands owned by you which appear to be described on the map attached to your letter as 40 acres in the NWSW of Section 25, Township 16 North (T16N), Range 25 East R25E). A hand written note on the map attached to your letter specifically indicates that right 74-79, with a 1901 priority date, is appurtenant to these 40 acres. However, IDWR records indicate that right 74-79 is owned by Ellsworth Angus Ranch. The right has a 1903 priority date from Texas Creek for irrigation of lands located some six miles from your property.

IDWR records indicate that water rights 74-1834 is appurtenant to 34 acres of the 40 acre parcel described above and shown on the map accompanying your letter. Right 74-1834 is also appurtenant to 23 acres in the SENE, Section 25, T16N, R25E. This right authorizes irrigation of a total of 57 acres from Big Timber Creek with a priority date of April 1, 1951. Our records confirm that you are the owner of these two parcels as well as the rest of the N1/2 of Section 25. Right 74-398, which authorizes irrigation of 239 acres from Big Timber Creek with a priority date of September 12, 1933, is also appurtenant to your property in the N1/2 of Section 25. You also own right 74-399, which is limited to irrigation 20 acres in the SWNE, Section 25 from Big Timber Creek with a priority date of December 7, 1946. Ground water right 74-2335 is appurtenant to 293 acres of your property in both the N1/2 and the NWSW of Section 25. IDWR does not list any additional rights to your property in Section 25.

IDWR assumes from your letter that you may be requesting delivery of water right 74-1834. The point of diversion for this right, according to IDWR records, is Big Timber 8, located in the NWSE, Section 8, T15N, R26E. This point of diversion also includes rights 74-398 and 74-399.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Dan Smith, Water District 74-W watermaster. Please contact me at this office if you any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Luke  
Water Compliance Bureau Chief

C: Dan Smith, Water District 74-W  
IDWR Eastern Region