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Subject : RE: Greiff
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Thank you. Yes, sometimes it's just a minimal amount to establish what is basically a dryland cropping. Meaning, more intensive irrigation is a much smaller area within the total that was under irrigation if only briefly during one season. I'll organize that information to share and see where it leads in terms of the best permitting approach. Have a good weekend.

Thanks again,
Tim

From: Short, Jaime (ECY)
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:50 AM
To: Tim Reiersen ; Spangle, Herm (ECY)
Subject: RE: Greiff

Dear Mr. Reiersen,

We can certainly discuss the option you've described below but I don't think it will achieve the results that Mr. Greiff is aiming for. The rights are simply too small to cover 112 acres of irrigation. Mr. Greiff is welcome to make use of the Seasonal Change program to accommodate crop rotation and if he'd like to propose spreading to a smaller number of acres, that might be a more successful path forward. - Jaime

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Dear Ms Short and Mr Spangle,

I'm in receipt of the Spokane water board's 2/21/2023 letter declining to decide the Greiffs' applications and giving the opinion that Ecology will deny them.

I'm asking them to reconsider because of time (the board process at least has time limits). The livelihood of my client depends on the water rights being cleared for use now, as they have historically farmed. I don't think the board will reconsider but it's my job to ask.

I have an alternative approach to run past you both, and I suppose it's the only hope remaining for the Greiffs. I'd like to schedule a phone call or zoom, whichever you prefer, to discuss it, as soon as possible.

It's pretty simple.

Greiffs would enroll their three water rights entirely into the trust water rights program. The work to quantify beneficial use within the past five years is completed. Consumptive use has also been evaluated, which is not needed for ACQ, but I think is needed for showing adequate mitigation.

I will file two new water right permit applications with Ecology, one for the well and one for the spring, both to be mitigated by the rights in trust. The well and spring water right permits would have the following characteristics: they would be alternative sources, additive flow rate, non-additive annual volume and irrigation acres. With hindsight, should have done this the first time to avoid the complications that came with the spreading changes.

This is the concept. As usual, time is short. Please let me know a time for conferencing.

Thank you,
Tim

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