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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Illegal wells in Iron County

In review of our files we found that several wells that had been drilled under change applications have now become illegal because the change applications have lapsed. Most of the changes were associated with people who purchased land and water right from the Ray Thomas Enterprises and even though the water right is still valid (?) the application that transferred it to the developed well site is no longer valid. These are the subject wells and change applications:

X (a7704) 71-1193, presumably the well is located in a locked well house but there are signs of past activity in the area. There is a covered house trailer at this location.

✓ (a7614) 71-1193, This well is equipped with a windmill and is located near a large house trailer, a water tank, and several other buildings. The property is fenced and there is a stockpile of material stacked around the area. There are trees with a "drip" system but not much evidence of recent activity.

✓ (a7173) 71-1193, An eight (8) inch well casing stands above the ground and appears to be new casing. It is covered with a welded square metal plate but there is no evidence that the well has been used. Not much sign of development in the area.

X (a7818) 71-1193, An eight (8) inch well casing stands above the ground and is also capped with a metal plate. There are no signs of any activity in this area.

✓ (a10886) 71-3488, There is an eight (8) inch casing in the ground and it is covered with loose-fitting aluminum cover. Some activity is taking place here since there is a stockpile of building materials lying around.

X (a7116) 71-1193, There is new eight (8) inch casing set in this well and it has a plate welded to the top of the casing. However, there is no sign of activity at this location.