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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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May 8, 2013

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Mr. Ron Bircher
Hunters Water District
P.O. Box 103
Hunters, Washington 99137

Re: Application for Change under Ground Water Permit No. G3-22369

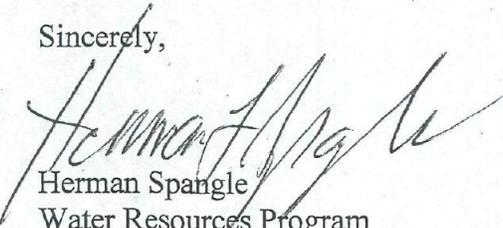
Dear Mr. Bircher:

We have received your letter dated January 31, 2013, asking to withdraw Application for Change under Ground Water Permit No. G3-22369, dated June 12, 2009.

In accordance with your request, your Application for Change is **withdrawn**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 509-329-3488.

Sincerely,



Herman Spangle
Water Resources Program
Eastern Regional Office

HS:md

By Certified Mail: 7011 3500 0001 8626 8622

cc: Mr. Gene St. Goddard





"Solutions to water quality, quantity, permitting & planning issues"

January 31st, 2013

Mr. Kevin Brown
Washington State Department of Ecology
Eastern Region Office
4601 N Monroe St
Spokane, WA 99205

Dear Mr. Brown,

This letter serves as a formal request by The Hunters Water District to withdraw our water right application submitted for conducting drilling activities for new sources of water under water right G3-22369. This application was submitted in June 2009 for the request of a preliminary permit to drill three additional wells in Section 7, T30N, R37E and Section 12, T30N, R36E. The application was assigned number CG3-22369 by the department of Ecology. We wish to formally request that this application be withdrawn. Other applications on file requesting water from FDR and/or Sullivan Lake are requested to still be processed.

The Hunters Water District is submitting this withdrawal letter per your request. If you have any questions, please call me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Gene St. Godard, L.Hg., R.G.
Principal Hydrogeologist
Water & Natural Resource Group
Consultant for Hunters Water District

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App. for change
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September 1, 2009

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Mr. Ron Bircher
Hunters Water District
P.O. Box 103
Hunters, Washington 99137-0103

Re: Application for Change under Ground Water Permit No. G3-G3-22369
WRIA 58 – Stevens County

Dear Mr. Bircher:

Thank you for sending the *Affidavit of Publication*, which was received in our office on August 26, 2009.

A 30-day protest period began from the last date of the publication. Ecology cannot take action on your application until after this public comment period closes. This time allows concerned citizens to file any objections to your proposed water use. These comments will be considered when we review your application.

You are not authorized to proceed with development of the proposed water system until you receive a permit authorization from this office.

Notify this office of changes such as your address, the property ownership, or in your proposed water use plans. If you have questions or need further assistance, you may contact Katherine Ryf at 509-329-3586; katherine.ryf@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Water Resources Program
Eastern Regional Office

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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
EASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

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County of Stevens)

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Jared E. Arnold being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says he is the publisher of The Chewelah Independent a weekly newspaper. That said newspaper is a legal newspaper and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continually as a weekly newspaper in Chewelah, Stevens County, Washington, and it is now and during all of the said time was printed in an office maintained at the disclosed place of publication of said newspaper. That the attached is a true copy of a Notice of Application

as it was published in regular issues (and not in supplement form) of said newspaper once a week for a period of 2 consecutive weeks. Commencing on the 13th day of August, 2009 and ending the 20th day of August 2009 both dates inclusive and that such newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of said period. That the full amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ 147.00 which amount has been paid in full at the rate of \$ 7.00 per column inch each publication.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of August 2009.

Jared E. Arnold
[Signature]

Notary Public in and for the
State of Washington, Residing
at Chewelah.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE/TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHT
UNDER ONE (1) GROUND WATER PERMIT

TAKE NOTICE:

That Hunters Water District of Hunters, WA, has made application for change/transfer of water right in order to add three wells as graded under Ground Water Permit No. G3-22369.

That Permit No. G3-22369 authorizes the withdrawal of 200 gallons per minute, 31 acre-feet per year, continuously, each year, for community domestic supply.

That the authorized points of withdrawal are from two wells, both located within the NE1/4NW1/4 of Sec. 7, T. 30 N., R. 37 E.W.M.

That they propose to add three points of withdrawal. That after the proposed changes they will have five wells located has follows: Wells 1 & 2) NE1/4NW; Well A) NW1/4NE1/4, all in Sec. 7, T. 30 N., R. 37 E.W.M.; Well 3)SE1/4NE1/4; Well 4)E1/2SE1/4, both within Sec. 12, T. 30 N., R. 36 E.W.M.

All within Stevens County, Washington.

Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections; protests must be accompanied by a fifty-(\$50.00) dollar recording fee and filed with the Department of Ecology, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days from August 20th, 2009.

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM-ERO
P O BOX 47611
OLYMPIA, WA 98504-7611

Published: August 13th, 20th, 2009

AFF. OK: _____
AFF. EXP.: 9-19-2009
CHKD BY: [Signature]





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 4601 N Monroe Street
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7-27-2009 12:4p
 Call to Gene St. Godard
 to confirm address.
 K. Ruff

Attn: Ron Bircher
 PO Box 103
 Hunters, WA 99137

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 to correct PO Box.
 K. Ruff

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JUL 17 2009

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
EASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

July 16, 2009

*OK for
priority
processing*
KJ 9/22/09

Mr. Keith Stoffel
Department of Ecology
4601 North Monroe, Suite 100
Spokane, Washington 99205-1295

Subject: Hunters Water District; PWS ID # 348893, Stevens County
Ground Water Applications CG3-22369; G3-30595; and G4-35256

Dear Mr. Stoffel:

This letter requests Department of Ecology's assistance and expedited action in the processing of a water right change for the Hunters Water District located in southern Stevens County. Funding for the Hunters Water District project has been made available from the Drinking Water American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) program; however, to keep the funding available construction must be started by early February of 2010.

The Hunters Water District well exceeds the new Arsenic standard set by EPA that became effective in 2006. Construction of a new source that does not exceed the Arsenic standard is a better and more cost effective solution for small water systems than to install treatment that have operation and maintenance cost, as well as, associated monitoring and reporting requirements. It is extremely difficult for small water systems to keep in compliance with these requirements.

The Department of Health (DOH) believes it is in the public interest to support the Hunters Water District's applications, to construct a new source for the community, for the following reasons:

- Development of a groundwater source that does not exceed the standard for Arsenic reduces the risk to public health.
- If the grant funding now available is lost and the project has to be funded in other ways, the likely result will be water rates most of the residents can not afford.
- A new source is a better option over treatment for small water systems with limited resources.

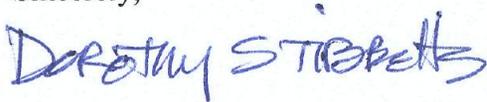


Keith Stoffel
July 16, 2009
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For these reasons and in accordance with WAC 173-152-050, DOH requests that your Department expedite review and action of the Hunters Water District groundwater applications.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (509) 329-2105 or Tom Justus, DOH Regional Engineer, at (509) 329-2119.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Tibbetts, MS MPH
Regional Manager
Office of Drinking Water
Division of Environmental Health

cc: Northeast Tri-County Health District
Hunters Water District
Gene St. Godard, RG, LHG
Belsby Engineering
Heather Cannon, DOH Regional Planner



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July 15, 2009

Hunters Water District
P.O. Box 107
Hunters, Washington 99137-0107

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Application for Change under Ground Water Permit No. G3-22369
WRIA 58 – Stevens County

We received your water right change application and have assigned it the number above. Please include this number in all future contact with us; it will help us serve you more quickly.

Your next step is to publish a legal notice. The notice announces your proposed water use to the public and allows interested persons to comment. We have prepared and enclosed this notice for you.

Review Legal Notice Carefully

It is your responsibility to check the notice carefully before having it published. If you find an error, please contact this office for resolution. If we later find an error in your public notice, you may be required to publish an amended notice at your expense.

Publishing Legal Notice

You need to arrange and pay for publishing the legal notice in a newspaper in Stevens County.

- Publish the notice in the Chewelah Independent.
- Ensure that the notice appears once a week for two consecutive weeks.

If your published notice does not meet the above criteria, you will be required to have the notice republished at your expense.

Publication should start within 30 days from the date of this letter.

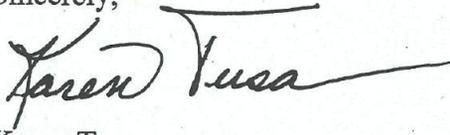
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Next Step

You must request an *Affidavit of Publication* from the newspaper in which your notice appeared. The affidavit must be an original, notarized copy of your published notice. Please forward it to our office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 329-3585.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Tusa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Tusa
Water Resources Program
Eastern Regional Office

KT:md

W: Publication/Tusa/2009/Hunters Water Dist. G3-22369 change 7-15-2009.doc

Enclosure: Legal Notice

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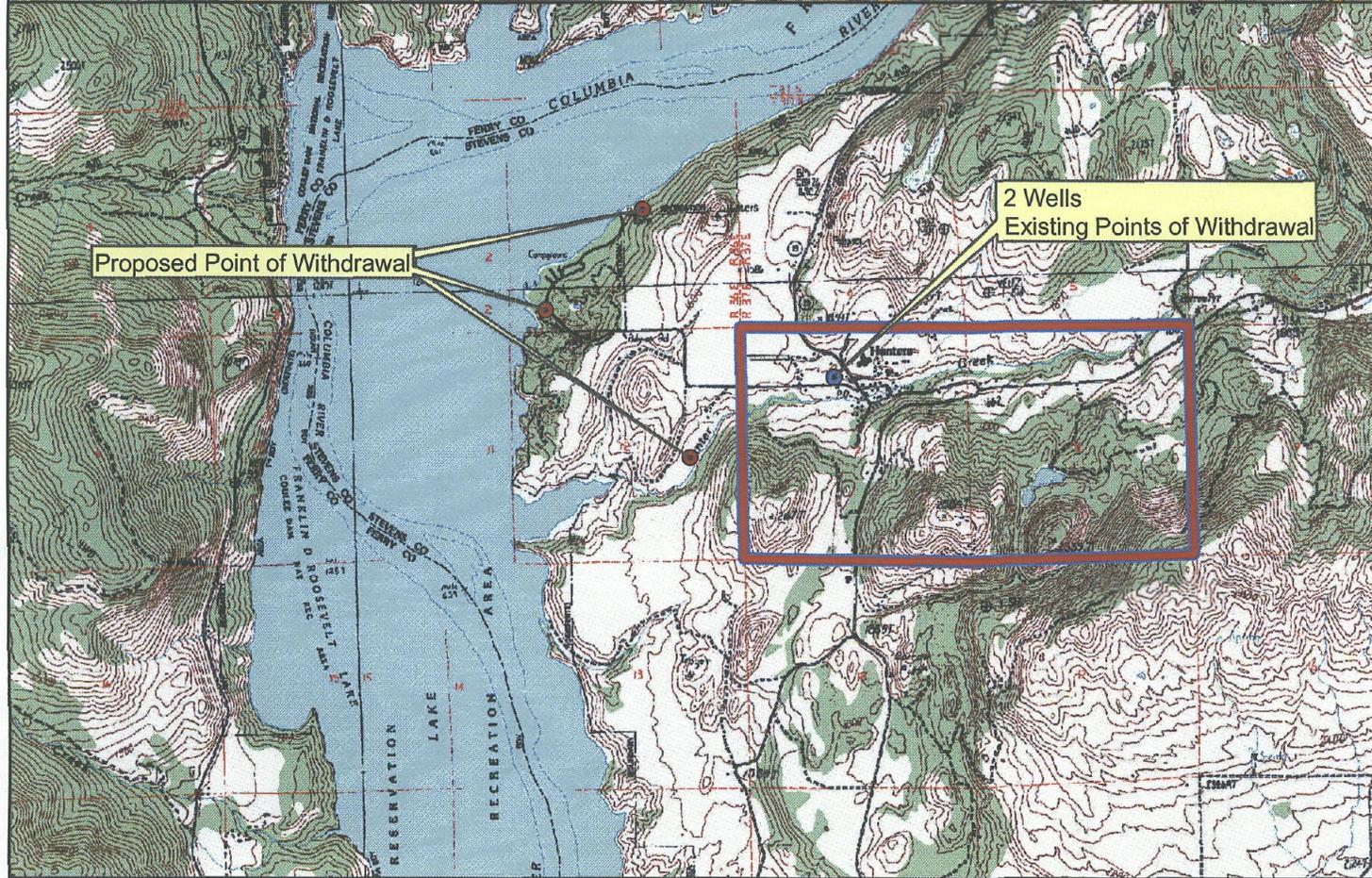
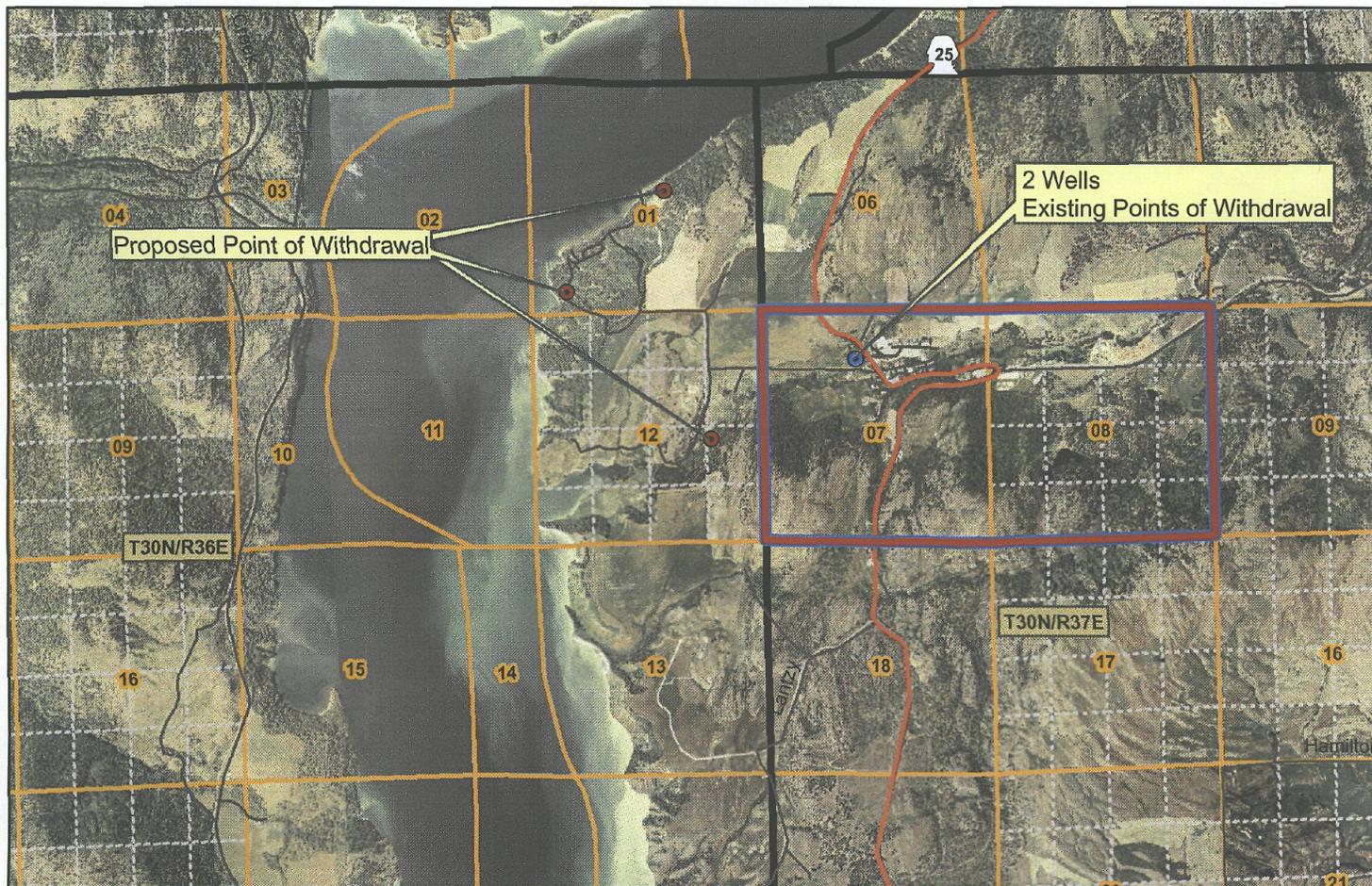
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Hunters Water District
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Sec. 12, T 30 N., R. 36 E.W.M.
WRIA 58 / Stevens County



Map based on Application for Change/Transfer of a Water Right received 6/12/2009



- County
- WRIA
- Township / Range
- Section
- qtrqr lines
- Major Roads
- Roads
- Existing Point of Withdrawal
- Proposed Point of Withdrawal
- Existing Place of Use
- Proposed Place of Use

Comments: