ACTION: Request for Elimination of Permitted But Unadjudicated Water Uses Division III-Big Horn General Adjudication Lawsuit

AUTHORITY: W.S. 36-5-110; Rules Chapter 4, Section 10.

ANALYSIS:

County: Washakie

Legal: Township 46 North, Range 93 West, 6th P.M. Section 16: NE¼NE¼, SW¼SW¼ (Original Survey, Tract 93 Resurvey)

Lease/Lessee: 3-7725 Gary Throntveit 1468 Highway 20 South Worland, WY 82401

Lease/Lessee: 3-8433 Louis Webber & Sons 1671 Lane 16 Worland, WY 82401

Appropriation: Permit No. 5686-6684, Bluff Canal

Discussion: In compliance with the Big Horn General Adjudication Lawsuit, this permit was reviewed by Tom Flack, Contract Field Inspector. On behalf of Division III, Mr. Flack has written a letter to the Office of State Lands and Investment requesting that the State Board of Land Commissioners consent to voluntary elimination of six acres of permitted, but unadjudicated use from Permit No. 5686-6684.

Three acres are in the SW¼SW¼ of Section 16 along Lester Gulch, which is a deep gully and a natural drainage that should not be developed. The other three acres lie in NE¼NE¼ of Section 16 between U.S. Highway 20 and Burlington Northern Railroad rights-of-way.

Consent to this request for voluntary elimination will not affect the amount of rental being received by the State.

DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Director recommends that the Board consent to the request for voluntary elimination of permitted, but unadjudicated, water rights in Permit No. 5686-6684 as they pertain to Section 16 (Original Survey, Tract 93 Resurvey), T46N, R93W, 6th P.M.

BOARD ACTION: APPROVED