

HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT



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City of Hermiston
Clinton Spencer, Planning Director
180 NE 2nd St
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**Re: Michael & Kelly Thomas
Map & Tax Lot 4N2814BC 400**

Director Spencer,

I have reviewed the proposed annexation and subdivision plans for the property listed above. My research has shown that this property is within the District boundary and has 3.00 acres of water rights. HID will need to work with Mr. & Mrs. Thomas to transfer the water rights off of this property.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has a right-of-way that runs along the southern border of the property. That easement, which is operated and maintained by HID, is 40' North and 30' South from the centerline of the Maxwell Canal. No changes to the elevation of the land along the ditch bank or construction within the Federal easement can be done.

HID will need to work with the landowners and have them sign a Developer's Agreement, as well as a Fencing Agreement before we can offer support of this project. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this development.

Respectfully,

Karra

Karra Van Fossen
District Manager