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August 8, 2025

897B-1

Kent Ladue
14478 Rabbit Creek Rd
Meadow SD 57644

Dear Mr. Ladue:

I am writing you today regarding Water Permit No. 897B-1, which is currently held in the name of Dean Ladue. This permit authorizes diversion of water at a rate of 0.89 cfs (400 gpm) from the Grand River for irrigation of 35 acres located within portions of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 34-T21N-R17E, and Lots 7-9 & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2-T20N-R18E.

With this letter, I hope to determine whether irrigation is still being practiced on the above-described property, and if so, should ownership of Permit No. 897B-1 be transferred to yourself.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a partially completed Notice of Transfer of Ownership form; the fees for which total \$50.00. The form may be returned in the prepaid envelope with a check (payable to SD Water Rights).

If irrigation has been abandoned, you do not need to return the form and fees but rather call or email me.

Sincerely,

Amanda Dewell
Permitting Administrator
Water Rights Program
605 773-3352
Amanda.Dewell@state.sd.us

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**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
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July 21, 2025

No. 897B-1

Dean Ladue
HC 1 Box 45
Keldron, SD 57634

Dear Mr. Ladue:

I'm writing to you today in reference to Water Permit 897B-1. This permit authorized the diversion of 0.89 cfs (400 gpm) from the Grand River, for the irrigation of 35 acres located within the SW ¼ SE ¼ Section 34, T21N, R17E and Lot 7, Lot 8, Lot 9 and SW ¼ NE ¼ Section 2, T20N, R18E.

The Water Rights Program would like to confirm whether irrigation is still taking place on this property. Pursuant to SDCL 46-5-37, if any person entitled to the use of appropriated water fails to use beneficially any part of the water for the purpose for which it was appropriated, for a period of three or more years, the water permit/right is subject to cancellation due to forfeiture or abandonment.

Please contact the Water Rights Program to discuss the status of Water Permit No. 897B-1.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Smith

Miranda Smith
Water Rights Program
605 773-3352
Miranda.Smith@state.sd.us

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File No. 897B-1

WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM -- FILE DOCUMENTATION

NAME & ADDRESS: Kent Ladue, 14478 Rabbit Creek Rd, Meadow SD 57644

DATE: 08/19/2025

TELEPHONE: 605-788-2969

RE: Cancellation of WP No. 897B-1

COMMENTS:

After receiving my letter dated August 8, 2025, Kent called to discuss Water Permit No. 897B-1, which was owned by his father, Dean Ladue.

Kent said that the irrigation system had not been utilized in over 20 years but expressed a desire to maintain the permit. I explained that the permit may be subject to cancellation, pursuant to SDCL 46-5-37, and touched on the possibility of legal excuse pursuant to SDAR 74:02:01:37.1. After some discussion it seemed clear that there were no legal excuses for the absence of irrigation. I told Kent that I would be scheduling the permit for cancellation consideration by the Water Management Board, which he understood. I also told him that a Notice would be mailed to him scheduling the hearing and invited him to call with any questions.



Amanda Dewell
Water Rights Program