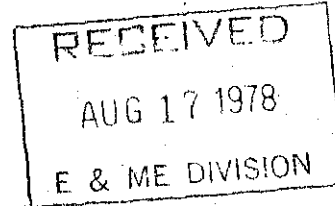


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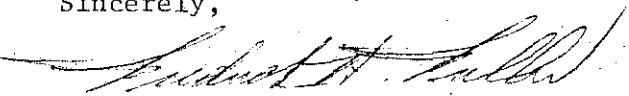
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Dear Dean:

We apologize for our incorrect judgement concerning your reclamation of temperature gradient well site 777-12. Please refer to our letter to you dated January 27, 1978. Wayne Brasher was concerned that the layer of cuttings left was too thick to permit vegetative growth. This has not been the case. He visited the site on May 25, 1978 and again on July 25, 1978. On the first visit it looked like the natural vegetation at the site was coming back and some of your seeded grass had germinated. On the second visit your seeded grass looked good and even though some of the natural vegetation did not survive, adequate stabilization will occur. The site is no longer a problem.

We have recommended to the Forest Supervisor that your permit be closed and your bond released.

Sincerely,

  
for  
FLOYD H. BARTLETT  
District Ranger

cc: S.O.

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