

## *REGISTERING EXISTING DOMESTIC AND/OR STOCK WELLS OR SPRING DEVELOPMENTS*

When wishing to register an existing domestic and/or stock well or spring development, file both the APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE GROUND WATER (FORM U.W. 5) and the STATEMENT OF COMPLETION AND DESCRIPTION OF WELL OR SPRING (FORM U.W. 6) **simultaneously** with the \$25.00 filing fee. Please note: Only springs flowing 25 gallons per minute or less will be considered as ground water appropriations.

There are certain items on the U.W. 6 form that must have definitive data provided (NOT "UNKNOWN") before records may be complete and a valid water right established. If the applicant does not have specific data for those items, the applicant's best reasonable estimate will be acceptable. These essential items (in addition to Name, Address, Use, Location) are:

- **Effective April 1, 2006: Coordinates of the well or spring development must be provided. SEO will accept coordinates in one of the three coordinate systems. They are as follows: 1) Latitude and Longitude - Preferred; 2) Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM); and 3) State Plane Coordinates.**
- **total depth of well (how deep is spring dug)**
- **depth to static water level**
- **date of completion of well/spring development**
- **depth of pump setting**
- **amount of water being pumped or rate of flow**
- **if spring development, describe method of development and means of conveyance to point of use**

Without these, items, we feel that the applicant does not have a viable claim to the water, and until these items are clarified on the forms, the registration is not ready to process. Naturally, as many of the other items as possible should be completed. If a pump has not been installed, send only the Form U.W. 5. The U.W. 6 is to be completed only if a pump has been installed and the water has been beneficially utilized.

**Important Note: Any water well not properly recorded with the State Engineer shall not have the protection afforded under the laws of the State of Wyoming.**