

EASTERN IDAHO GRAZING ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 308
BLACKFOOT, IDAHO 83221

Idaho Dept of Water Resources
Attn: Cindy Bird
15 W Center
Soda Springs, ID 83276

Re: Evidence of Priority

Claim Nos. A27-4101, A27-4102, A27-4103

Dear Ms. Bird,

I recently visited with Ernie Carlson at the Idaho Falls office of the Idaho Dept of Water Resources. He amended these claims to 1916 to correspond with the date our Association was incorporated. I am sending you a form referencing this date. I can send you the actual Articles of Incorporation, a lengthy document, if that is necessary. I hope that this information along with that already mailed to you is sufficient to document the claim.

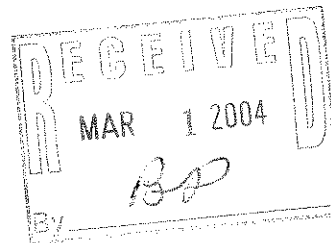
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

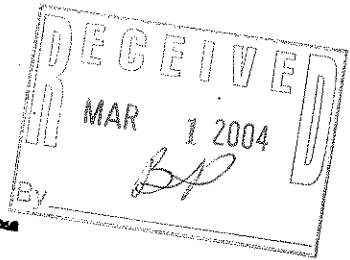
Sincerely,



Wendy R. Pratt
Secretary

Attachment:





Idaho's History
For Identification *Rob*

Idaho Falls, Idaho.
May 11, 1916.

Present: C. F. Poulson - J. O. Morgan - S. J. Rich -
J. H. Coumerilh - E. W. Hansen - P. B. York.

These gentlemen took up the matter of organizing an association to be composed of bona fide residents of the state of Idaho who are stock growers for the purpose of securing and leasing lands from the state of Idaho.

It is ordered that we select the name EASTERN IDAHO GRAZING ASSOCIATION as the name for this association. That the following directors are hereby appointed until their successors are duly elected and qualified:

A. J. Stanger
J. O. Morgan
Wm. H. Larkin
J. H. Coumerilh
E. W. Hansen
R. F. Swauger
S. Grover Rich

That A. J. Stanger is appointed president and J. O. Morgan vice president. That F. C. Bowman is employed as secretary-treasurer and he is hereby instructed to secure legal service for articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to be submitted to a future meeting.

BOISE: That S. J. Rich and F. C. Bowman are hereby designated as a committee to go to Boise with full authority to apply for and secure leases of state lands for this association.

Meeting adjourned subject to call of secretary.

F. C. Bowman
Secretary.

EASTERN IDAHO GRAZING ASSOCIATION

June 1, 1916.

Proposed members of the association met at the office of F. C. Bowman and adjourned to the Club of Commerce at two o'clock p. m., subject to the following notice:

Notice of Meeting of Members of the Eastern
Idaho Grazing Association, a corporation.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a general meeting of the members of the Eastern Idaho Grazing Association at the office of F. C. Bowman, Secretary of said association, on the first day of June, 1916, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the Salisbury Earl Building, corner "A" Street and Park Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho. The purpose of the said meeting is to complete the organization of the said corporation by the subscription and adoption of articles of incorporation, the election of a board of directors to serve for the term of one year and to authorize the secretary of said meeting to verify the said articles of incorporation and record the same. Such other business will be transacted at said meeting pertaining to the general welfare of the said corporation as may be brought before the said meeting.

Dated May 15th 1916.

F. C. Bowman, Secretary.

ROLL CALL: Roll call showed fifty five members present in person or by proxy.

MINUTES: Minutes of May 11th were read and ratified.

ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION: Articles of Incorporation as follows read and adopted section by section:

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Idaho Dept of Water Resources
Attn: Cindy Bird
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Re: Evidence of Priority

Claim No. A27-4101

Dear Ms. Bird,

The Eastern Idaho Grazing Association was formed in 1916 for the primary purpose of buying, leasing or otherwise acquiring grazing lands. At that time, many small acreages were in the hands of the early homesteaders and the range was heavily stocked. The state also had lands intermingled in many places with these homestead claims. Our Association began leasing lands from the state of Idaho in 1916. It is clear from early records that we also leased many homesteads, as it would have been difficult to fence out these small parcels.

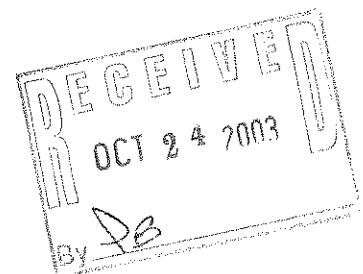
We purchased the land with this water right in 1948. We had the ground to the north and east of this parcel, leased from the state of Idaho as early as 1916. It would have been difficult to keep livestock fenced away from the creek as it follows the border closely, and in the early days livestock moved freely between owners. For these reasons, I believe that our priority claim may need to be amended to an earlier date. I hereby request additional time for research.

Our Association is governed by a Board of Directors that will meet in early winter, at which time we will review evidence gathered and make a decision as to an amended claim. Any information you can give me regarding avenues of research would be appreciated.

Sincerely,


Wendy R. Pratt
Secretary

Attachment: state lease



Amount, \$

No.

327

No. 5849

E OF IDAHO

LAND LEASE

This will be your receipt covering 191 rental on your lease, when properly stamped and dated by this office.

Grant

M. C. STOTT,
Register.

PAID

DEC 9 1916

the STATE OF IDAHO, acting by and through the STATE

18th day of July 1916

Idaho Grazing Association

the following described State School and Graded School

of Bonneville and Bingham

Idaho, and particularly described as follows, to-wit: *As per slip hereto attached:-*

All Secs. 16 and 36, T. 2 S. R. 39 E.

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All Secs. 25 and 35 T. 1 S. R. 41 E.

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May 7, 2003

Re: Evidence of Priority

Claim No.(s) A27-04101, A27-04102

Dear Claimant (s):

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has begun its water right review in Basin 27. The Notice(s) of Claim identified with the number shown above, has been filed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). The Notice indicates water usage is based on "Beneficial Use". Water rights of this type are established by the historical use of water, dating back to when water was first used for the purpose claimed, at or on the place of use identified on the Notice. The date the water was first put to use, known as the priority date, has not been confirmed by a license, Decree, or Permit. For this reason, proof must be provided supporting the priority date. **As the claimant, you are responsible for submitting the necessary proof to support the priority date.**

It is important that each element of the Notice be substantiated. For instance, regarding claims for irrigation, the evidence should tend to show that diversion works were in place, that they were capable of diverting the claimed diversion rate, and that the diverted water was beneficially used on the entire claimed place of use on or before the claimed priority date.

For your reference, I have enclosed the pamphlet entitled "Evidence of Priority". The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement. While I encourage you to read the entire pamphlet, I direct your attention to the two sections entitled "What Kind of Evidence is Required" and "Some examples of Documents Which May Be Evidence of the Priority Date".

It is our goal to recommend historical water rights within the Snake River Basin as accurately as possible.

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The Department cannot recommend the court decree the Notice if no evidence of a priority date is submitted.
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Please submit the documentation supporting the priority date by June 26, 2003, referencing all documents with the corresponding Notice number. If you have any questions not covered by this letter, please feel free to contact me at 547-3993.

Respectfully,

Cindy E. Bird
Adjudication Bureau

Enclosure: Brochure on "Evidence of Priority"
 Adjudication Claim Report