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March 27, 2007

Hatchet River Ranch LLC
C/O Annie Buxton
370 N East Camano Dr. #5-47
Camano Island, WA 98282

Dear Ms. Buxton,

This letter is inform you that we have received the forms to change ownership from Annie Buxton to Hatchet River Ranch, LLC for water rights 22-598, 22-11867, and 22-13408.

While making this change however, it was discovered that legal descriptions for the recommended points of diversion in 22-11867 have been recommended incorrectly. Our department typically corrects errors such as these immediately however, due to the fact that this water right has already been reported to the court for adjudication, no changes may be made unless formally initiated by the owner through the "Objection" process. Filing an objection with the court will in effect, let the court know you believe there is an error in your recommendation and will allow us to make the necessary corrections.

Please take a moment to fill out the objection form(s) and mail them to the appropriate recipients using the addressed, postage paid envelopes provided. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 208-525-7161.

Respectfully,

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208-525-7161 ext. 2322

Enclosure

Galbraith, Trent

From: Baxter, Garrick
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2007 11:27 AM
To: Galbraith, Trent
Cc: Williams, Ray; Carlsen, Ernie
Subject: RE:

Hi Trent,
Sorry it has taken so long for me to get back to you on this one.

I assume that the change of ownership is for 22-11867. If so, I would recommend processing the change of ownership (it doesn't sound like there is any reason why you couldn't process the change of ownership...if I'm wrong about this, let me know) and then I would recommend that IDWR contact the new owner and to solicit an objection. You can start with a phone call to the new owner as a "heads up" but then follow up with a letter (please always follow up with a letter - this way we make a record of what needs to happen.) I would explain in the letter how this came to the Department's attention, what you now think the water right should look like, and explain how to file an objection in the SRBA. Ray Williams can help you with the language on how to file an objection in the SRBA. Ray might even be able to find an example of a letter that has been sent in the past to solicit an objection. Ray, when you get back in the office on Wednesday, can you please work with Trent on this. Thanks.

Let me know if you have any more questions.
Thanks,
Garrick

-----Original Message-----

From: Galbraith, Trent
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 11:55 AM
To: Baxter, Garrick
Subject: RE:

Garrick,

We had an ownership change initiated and in the process of that change we found this error. The right is for instream stock and we have recommended beginning and ending stream flows for the right but we have assigned all of the PODs to the same QQ when in reality they are in 3 different QQs. We have not contacted the claimant as of yet.

Trent

-----Original Message-----

From: Baxter, Garrick
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 11:52 AM
To: Galbraith, Trent
Subject: RE:

Hi Trent,
Some preliminary questions: How did the issue come to your attention? Have you discussed the issue with the claimant yet?
Thanks,
Garrick

-----Original Message-----

From: Galbraith, Trent
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 11:46 AM
To: Baxter, Garrick
Subject:

Garrick,