

To Whom It May Concern:

I have tried for several years to get the IDWR to look at the H.C Bowles water right that they had assigned to Paradise Springs. On more than one occasion, I invited staff out to the sight so that they could observe the demographics of the issues of my disagreement with their interpretations of the H.C Bowels rights. After many futile trips to Idaho Falls, I had almost given up on the issue. Then earlier this year I was discussing my frustration about the issue with my neighbor Mike Reid, he told me he had been doing research on Paradise Springs from the Fremont County court records and that he had come across evidence that clarifies the H.C Bowels right and that Mr. Bowels had never lived in the area of Paradise Springs and clearly had filed for the water that I had been trying help the IDWR understand was decreed to the Duane Kunz Family Trust, and the land that the water has been being used on for the past one hundred years.

By the time I could set up a meeting with Trent Galbraith to present the information there were only three weeks prior to the protest deadline, so I have needed additional time to collect all of the information that is pertinent to resolving this mistake.

As I have further investigated this matter the picture has become very clear that there was not just one Bowels right but two, the second right was filed in behalf of Henry's wife Sara. I have always known that there were two different sources that my Father Duane and his brother Merle got there water from to irrigate the property, after looking at the evidence it's clear that there is a Sara Bowels right and a H.C. Bowels right that come from two different spring sources in the section of the original Bowels property.

The two families of Merle and Duane have used the water with canal systems that flood out over the land that H.C. Bowels originally owned.

There is one forty that borders the Bowels property that was not in the decreed land originally that was later purchased by Duane Kunz, (twn4n-rng45e-sec32) but Bowels irrigated approximately

fifteen acres of that forty where the canal crosses through the property to reach the balance of his ground. The original claim was for 2.8 cubic feet for HC.Bowels, they (Merle and Duane) thought that there was only the one right so they split it 1.6 for each of them, but we now have evidence that they were two separate claims.

It requires at least 2.5 cubic feet to water the acres of the Duane Kunz property with as much leeching that occurs on this land, most of it eventually flows back into the river, it is clear from the Henry Bowels testimony that he new it took all of that amount to adequately irrigate the property. I believe that Neil Kunz is entitled to the other .03cfs of the original 2.8cfs for the portion that the canal irrigates into his field.

This has long been a complex frustrating issue not only for us but also for the IDWR, in more than one meeting when I have said I'm here to talk about Paradise Springs I was shuttled off into a corner and no one really had any answers. It should be satisfying to all to finally have clear concise evidence and answers for all involved. My intentions are not hurt anyone with administration of this matter but to finally clarify and make right the misunderstandings of this issue are important. I have presented as much factual evidence as is available at this time, please review it carefully and thoroughly.

I certify that the above statements are true, to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely Craig Kunz Exce. Duane Kunz Family Trust

