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Carter Fritschle
Idaho Department of Water Resources
322 E. Front Street
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Boise, ID 83720-0098

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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Dear Mr. Fritschle:

You have contacted us about the possibility that water right numbers 21-11507 and 22-13083, both decreed to the United States of America in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA), are duplicate or overlapping water rights. This discovery came to the Department's attention during a review of SRBA decrees because the legal description for 22-13083 is actually in Basin 21. Further investigation revealed that the Forest Service (FS) ID numbers used in the SRBA are essentially identical for both water rights as are the legal descriptions, which place them on National Forest System land. The duplication is apparently the result of an inadvertent numbering anomaly that occurred during the SRBA.

We have reviewed this situation and agree that 21-11507 and 22-13083 appear to be duplicates. Because 21-11507 covers the water use intended – domestic use from a well on Lot 8, Buffalo Summer Home Area, **we hereby agree to abandon 22-13083**, and a Notice of Abandonment of Water Right 22-13083 is enclosed. This will facilitate record management for both the IDWR and the Forest Service.

If you have any questions please contact Steve Spencer, State Coordinator, at 208-365-7055.

Sincerely,

KATHRYN J. CONANT
Director, Lands & Minerals

Enclosure



STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Notice of Abandonment of Water Right

Print Name of Water Right Owner(s): United States of America - USDA Forest Service

Mailing Address: 550 W Fort Street MSC 033

Boise, ID 83724

Phone: 208-365-7055

Note: If you are not listed as the current owner of the water right in the Idaho Department of Water Resources' records, you must include evidence of ownership of the water right (or portion of the water right) with this form. Evidence may include a warranty deed, quitclaim deed, court decree, contract of sale, etc.

I am the current owner of X all, or part of, the water right described in the Idaho Department of Water Resources' records as Water Right No. 22-13083.

I hereby abandon X all, or part of the water right designated above. This abandonment is intentional and voluntary. I recognize that this abandonment permanently eliminates the right to divert and use water under the water right designated above.

If this abandonment applies to a portion of the water right, please indicate which part is abandoned by describing the diversion rate, annual diversion volume or storage volume, and place of use (include acres if the use is irrigation) and by attaching a detailed map identifying the specific locations.

NOTE: This is to resolve an inadvertent duplication of two water rights decreed in the Snake River Basin

Adjudication. 22-13083 and 21-11507 are duplicates. The actual water use is located in Basin 21.

21-11507 will continue. 22-13083 will be abandoned. See accompanying letter from the Forest Service.

Kathryn J. Conant

Signature of Water Right Owner(s) or Authorized Representative MM 11/15/12

November 16, 2012

Date

Kathryn J Conant - Director of Lands and Minerals

Print Name and Title of Authorized Representative

(Complete if applicable and include your authority to act on behalf of the water right owner)

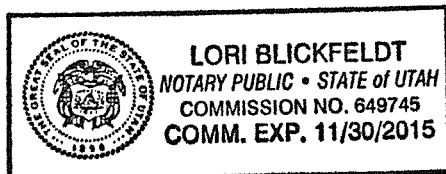
State of Utah)

) ss

County of Weber)

On this 16th day of November, 2012, the signer(s) of the above instrument appeared before me and duly acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

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Lori Blickfeldt
Notary Public

My commission expires: 11-30-2015