



State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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March 3, 1999

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KARL J. DREHER
DIRECTOR

37-10541
DOUGLAS R MERRILL
C/O LORENE SIMMONS
1129 COLORADO ST
GOODING ID 83330

RE: Domestic and/or Stockwater Rights in Reporting Area 16, Basin 37
Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)

Dear Water Right Claimant(s):

Please find enclosed the Idaho Department of Water Resources recommendations for your domestic and/or stockwater water right(s) in basin 37 (the Big Wood River drainage area). We have also enclosed instructions for reviewing (1) your recommended water right(s), and (2) other recommended domestic and stockwater right(s) in your area. Water rights for irrigation and other purposes in basin 37 will be recommended in a later process.

Note that you have 180 days in which to file any objection to our recommendation and to review the domestic and stockwater water rights of other claimants, including those of the United States. Information on the other water rights can be found at the county courthouses in Hailey, Fairfield, Gooding, Shoshone, Mountain Home, and all of the Idaho Department of Water Resources offices (see addresses in enclosure).

If the Court does not receive an objection from you about our recommendation, and no other party objects to your water right, your water right will be decreed as recommended after the 180-day objection period. You will receive your decree from the SRBA Court.

Completion of the SRBA is important for the future of water management in Idaho. We invite you to contact our regional offices with any questions that you have about your water right(s) or this adjudication process.

Sincerely,

Karl J. Dreher
Director

Enclosures

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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
INDIVIDUAL LISTING FROM DIRECTOR'S REPORT
OF WATER RIGHTS ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

DATE: March 3, 1999
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RIGHT NUMBER: 37-10541

NAME AND ADDRESS: DOUGLAS R MERRILL
C/O LORENE SIMMONS
1129 COLORADO ST
GOODING ID 83330

SOURCE: GROUNDWATER

QUANTITY: 0.04 CFS

THE QUANTITY OF WATER UNDER THIS RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED 13,000
GALLONS PER DAY.

PRIORITY-DATE: 04/16/1914

POINT OF DIVERSION T05S R15E S35 SWNESW Within GOODING County

PURPOSE AND

PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	STOCKWATER	01-01 12-31	0.02 CFS
	DOMESTIC 1 HOME	01-01 12-31	0.04 CFS

PLACE OF USE: STOCKWATER Within GOODING County
T05S R15E S35 NESW

DOMESTIC Within GOODING County
T05S R15E S35 NESW

OTHER MATTERS NECESSARY FOR DEFINITION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT:

THE QUANTITY OF WATER DECREED FOR THIS WATER RIGHT IS NOT A
DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL BENEFICIAL USE.

EXPLANATORY MATERIAL: BASIS OF CLAIM - BENEFICIAL USE
PARCEL NO. RP05S15E355211A
STOCKWATER, 25 RANGE

NOTICE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT REPORTING AREA 16, BASIN 37 FOR SMALL DOMESTIC AND STOCK WATER RIGHTS

INTRODUCTION

This is the Idaho Department of Water Resources' (IDWR) Director's Report for your small domestic and/or stock water right claimed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). The quantity allowed for each small domestic or stock water right is up to 13,000 gallons per day. An additional Director's Report for irrigation and all other state law based claims in your reporting area will be filed with the court at a later date.

IDWR is providing individual reports like this one to all claimants of small domestic and stock water rights in your area. A complete copy of the Director's Report, listing all of these small domestic and stock water rights claimed under both state and federal law, is available at the SRBA courthouse in Twin Falls and the locations listed on the third page of this notice. Copies of the report can be made, but you may be charged for copying and mailing.

The following instructions and definitions are designed to help you understand this report.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REVIEWING YOUR OWN WATER RIGHT

The description of your right which is enclosed is only the Director's recommendation to the SRBA Court on your water right. The Court will decide how it will decree your water right. You are free to agree or disagree with the Director's recommendation. If you agree with the Director's recommendation you do not need to do anything, pending further notice as described below. If you disagree with the Director's recommendation, you need to file an objection as described below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REVIEWING THE WATER RIGHTS OF OTHERS

The complete Director's Report contains recommendations to the SRBA Court on your water right and all other small domestic and stock water rights in your area. The Court will decide how it will decree all water rights. The Director's recommendations in the full report are listed in two sections of the report:

- 1) **List of Recommended Water Rights** -- Water right recommendations are listed alphabetically by source and then chronologically by priority date within each source.
- 2) **List of Claims Recommended to Be Disallowed** -- Water rights recommended to be disallowed are listed numerically by water right number. A short statement of the reason for IDWR's recommendation for disallowance is provided.

Also included in the complete Director's Report are descriptions of the United States' claims for domestic and stockwater under federal law. The Director does not investigate these claims and

makes no recommendation whether they should be granted or not. Sometimes the United States claims one right under both federal and state law. These are called "dual based" claims.

If you want to review someone else's water right you need to look at the complete Director's Report, which is available at the SRBA courthouse in Twin Falls and the locations listed on the third page of this notice. Copies of the report can be made, but you may be charged for copying and mailing.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING A WATER RIGHT CLAIM TO COURT

What do I do if I disagree with a recommendation or a federal water right claim?

If you disagree with any element of the recommendation for your water right or anyone else's water right and want to be heard in court, file an objection with the SRBA Court. Objections must be made on the standard objection form available from any IDWR office or from the SRBA Court.

Your objection must be received by the SRBA Court on or before **September 10, 1999.**

What do I do if someone else objects to my water right recommendation?

If someone files an objection to your water right, or anyone else's water right, you may file a response to that objection. Responses to objections must be made on the standard response form available from any IDWR office or from the SRBA Court.

Your response must be received by the SRBA Court on or before **January 10, 2000.**

What do I do if I want to participate in the court case on someone else's water right?

If you want to be involved in the court case on any water right in the Director's Report, you must file either an objection or a response by the dates listed above.

What happens if there are no objections to a water right?

After the deadline for filing objections, IDWR will file a list of all water right recommendations with no objections. The SRBA Court will hear the uncontested recommendations on **November 12, 1999, at 10:00 A.M.** at the **SRBA Courthouse**. Partial decrees will be issued following this hearing.

How will I know about the proceedings on water right recommendations to which objections were filed?

A notice will be mailed to you for court dates on your water right or for those where you filed an objection or a response. You will not receive notice of court dates on any other water right recommendations. Additional information regarding domestic and stockwater claims in your area can be found on the SRBA Web Site at www.srba.state.id.us.

Note: The SRBA Court publishes a monthly Docket Sheet listing all objections and responses filed. It does not list court dates for individual water right cases, but provides general information helpful to all participants in the SRBA. The Docket Sheet is available at your county courthouse and all IDWR offices, or you may subscribe by contacting the SRBA Court or IDWR. The annual subscription fee is \$7.50. The Docket Sheet is also available on the SRBA Web Site at www.srba.state.id.us.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS OR OWNERSHIP DURING THE SRBA COURT CASE

You must contact your regional IDWR office with your address change or if the ownership of your water right changes. Failure to notify IDWR may result in the loss of your water rights.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions about the SRBA, public information brochures are available at any IDWR office. Maps and aerial photography of this reporting area, as well as assistance in using the maps and the photography, are available at the IDWR southern region office in Twin Falls. You are also welcome to call IDWR at any of its offices or the SRBA Court. You may also want to consider contacting an attorney to assist you.

**Snake River Basin Adjudication
District Court**
253 Third Avenue North.
P.O. Box 2707
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2707
(208) 736-3011

Idaho Department of Water Resources
1301 North Orchard
Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098
(208) 327-7906
(800) 451-4129

**Idaho Department of Water Resources
Western Region**
2735 Airport Way
Boise, Idaho 83705-5082
(208) 334-2190

**Idaho Department of Water Resources
Northern Region**
1910 Northwest Blvd., Suite 210
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-2615
(208) 765-1450

**Idaho Department of Water Resources
Southern Region**
1341 Fillmore, Suite 200
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380
(208) 736-3033

**Idaho Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region**
900 North Skyline, Suite A
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402-3653
(208) 525-7161

Blaine County Courthouse
1st & Croy St.
Hailey, ID 83333
(208) 788-5525

Camas County Courthouse
501 Solider Rd.
Fairfield, ID 83327
(208) 764-2242

Gooding County Courthouse
624 Main St.
Gooding, ID 83330
(208) 934-4221

Lincoln County Courthouse
111 W. B St.
Shoshone, ID 83352
(208) 886-7641

Elmore County Courthouse
150 S. 4th E.
Mountain Home, ID 83647
(208) 587-2131

DEFINITIONS OF THE ELEMENTS OF YOUR WATER RIGHT

RIGHT NUMBER: Your water right is identified by a number assigned by IDWR. The first two digits identify IDWR's administrative basin number; for example, 37.

NAME AND ADDRESS: Your name and address should appear here. IDWR will use the most recent name and address in their records for the water right.

SOURCE: The name and/or type of the source where you divert your water. For example: "groundwater," "unnamed spring," "Common Creek."

QUANTITY: The amount of water recommended in either cubic feet per second (cfs) and/or the volume of water in acre feet per year (AFY). Each of these small domestic and/or stock water claims is not to exceed 13,000 gallons per day.

PRIORITY DATE: The date used to determine the priority of your right in relation to other rights using water from the same source.

POINT OF DIVERSION: The legal location where you divert water from its source; generally described as 1/4 1/4 sections down to a 40-acre tract, or smaller. Other legal descriptions that might be used are: government lots, block, subdivision, parcel numbers, townsite names, mining claim information, homestead entry surveys and other survey information.

Legal locations for instream flow claims are marked with a beginning point and an ending point.

PURPOSE OF USE: This report only deals with claims for small domestic and/or stock water uses, such as yours.

"Domestic right" means a right to the use of water for homes, organization camps, public campgrounds, livestock, and for any other purpose in connection with these uses, including irrigation of up to one-half acre of land.

"Stock water right" means a right to the use of water solely for livestock or wildlife.

PERIOD OF USE: The period of time during the year when you can use the water for your right.

PLACE OF USE: The legal location where you use your water right; generally described as 1/4 1/4 sections down to a 40-acre tract. Other legal descriptions that might be used are: government lots, block, subdivision, parcel numbers, townsite names, mining claim information, homestead entry surveys and other survey information.

BASIS OF CLAIM: The method that was used to establish your claim. Examples include prior decree, posted notice, beneficial use (historical) method, license, permit.

DUAL BASED CLAIMS: In some cases, the federal government has claimed one right under two theories: a state basis and a federal law basis. Both theories will be reported on one form for that single water right. In most cases, the priority dates are different and will be listed separately. The federal law basis is separately indicated in a box such as this:

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IDWR does not investigate or make recommendations regarding federal law based claims.

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
1301 North Orchard Street, P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

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IMPORTANT WATER RIGHT INFORMATION

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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
RECOMMENDED WATER RIGHTS ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

DATE: OCT-24-1997

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RIGHT NUMBER: 37-10541

NAME & ADDRESS: DOUGLAS R MERRILL
C/O LORENE SIMMONS
1129 COLORADO ST
GOODING ID 83330

SOURCE: GROUNDWATER

QUANTITY: 0.04 CFS

THE QUANTITY OF WATER UNDER THIS RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED 13,000
GALLONS PER DAY.

PRIORITY DATE: 04/16/1914

POINT OF DIVERSION: T05S R15E S35 SWNESW Within GOODING County

PURPOSE AND

PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
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	DOMESTIC 1 HOME	01-01 12-31	0.04 CFS

PLACE OF USE: STOCKWATER Within GOODING County
T05S R15E S35 NESW

DOMESTIC Within GOODING County
T05S R15E S35 NESW

OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR DEFINITION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT:

THE QUANTITY OF WATER DECREED FOR THIS WATER RIGHT IS NOT A
DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL BENEFICIAL USE.

EXPLANATORY MATERIAL: BASIS OF CLAIM - BENEFICIAL USE
PARCEL NO. RP05S15E35S211A
STOCKWATER, 25 RANGE

7-29-98

Claim proofread by: Uto
Date: 1/03

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM.

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

Ident. Number: A37-10541
Date Received: 7/12/1988
Receipt No: 5000859
Received By: [Signature]

NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

1. Name: DOUGLAS R. MERRILL
Address: C/O LORENE SIMMONS
1129 COLORADO ST.
GOODING, ID 83330 208-934-4657

2. Date of Priority: APR 16, 1914

3. Source: GROUNDWATER Trib. to:

4. Point of Diversion:

Township	Range	Section	1/4 of	1/4 of	1/4	Lot	County
05S	15E	35	SW	NE	SW		GOODING

5. Description of diverting works:
WELL & PUMP, STOCK TROUGHS

6. Water is used for the following purposes:

Purpose	From	To	C.F.S.	(or)	A.F.A.
STOCKWATER	01/01	12/31	0.020		
DOMESTIC	01/01	12/31	0.040		

7. Total Quantity Appropriated is:
0.040 C.F.S. (and/or) A.F.A.

8. Total consumptive use is Acre Feet Per Annum.

9. Non-irrigation uses:
DOMESTIC/1 HOME WITH LAWN/GARDEN, LIVESTOCK/25 RANGE

10. Place of Use:

Township	Range	Section	1/4 of	1/4	Lot	Use	Acres
05S	15E	35				DOMEST	

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Date: 07/12/88

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10. Place of Use: Continued

Township	Range	Section	1/4 of 1/4	Lot	Use	Acres
05S	15E	35	NE SW		STOCK	

11. Place of use in counties: GOODING

12. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? YES

13. Other Water Rights Used:
STOCK ALSO DRINK CANAL WATER

14. Remarks:

15. Basis of Claim: BENEFICIAL USE

16. Signature(s)

(a.) By signing below, I/We acknowledge that I/We have received, read and understand the form entitled "How you will receive notice in the Snake River Basin Adjudication." (b.) I/We do _____ do not X wish to receive and pay a small annual fee for monthly copies of the docket sheet.

Number of attachments: _____

For Individuals:

I/We do solemnly swear or affirm that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Signature of Claimant(s): Douglas R Merrill Date: 7/12/88

Date: _____

State of Idaho)
County of Twin Falls) SS.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this 12th day

of July 19 88

Mary A. Baldwin
Notary Public

Seal

Residing at Leading, ID
My Commission Expires 10/16/1992

WATER RIGHT NUMBER - A37-10541

PREFIX TRANSLATION: ADJUDICATION CLAIM

OLD (D) NUMBER -

+ - - - - - LAST NAME - - - - - +

+ - FIRST NAME - - +

+ - - - - - ADDRESS - - - - - +

*** C - CURRENT OWNER ***
MERRILL

DOUGLAS R.

1 - C/O LORENE SIMMONS
2 - 1129 COLORADO ST.
3 -
CITY- GOODING
PHONE - 208-934-4657

STATE- ID ZIP- 83330

+ - - PRIORITY DATE - - +
04/16/1914+ - - - REGION - - - +
ERROR IN REGION+ - - - STAGE - - - +
J - BENEFICIAL USE

+ - - - STATUS - - - - +

+ - - - - - SOURCE - - - - - +
GROUNDWATER

+ - - - - - TRIBUTARY - - - - - +

+ - - - - - POINT OF DIVERSION - - - - - +
TWN RNG SEC TRACT LOT RFLG COUNTY STREAM INDEX (BLANK IF NO INDEX CODE)

05S 15E 35 SW NE SW (47) GOODING

+ - - - - - WATER USE - - - - - +
CODE DESCRIPTION PERIOD FROM PERIOD TO DIVERSION RATE DIVERSION VOLUME04 - STOCKWATER
43 - DOMESTIC01/01 12/31
01/01 12/310.020
0.040+ - TOTAL DIV. RATE - + + - TOTAL DIV. VOLUME - + + - TOTAL DIV. CAPACITY - + + - TOTAL CONSUMPTIVE USE - + + - KW USAGE - +
0.040 0.0+ - - - - - PLACE OF USE - - - - - +
TWN RNG SEC TRACT LOT ACRES CODE DESCRIPTION COUNTY
05S 15E 35 NE SW 04 STOCKWATER (47) GOODING
05S 15E 35 NESW 43 DOMESTIC (47) GOODING

+ - - DIVERSION MEANS - WELL & PUMP, STOCK TROUGHS

+ - - NON-IRRIGATION USE - DOMESTIC/1 HOME WITH LAWN/GARDEN, LIVESTOCK/25 RANGE

+ - - OTHER RIGHTS FOR SAME USE - STOCK ALSO DRINK CANAL WATER

+ - - - - - REMARKS - - - - - +
NO REMARKS FOUND.+ - - - - - OLD WATER RIGHT NUMBERS - - - - - +
NO OLD WATER RIGHT NUMBERS FOUND.+ - - - - - CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - - - - - +
NO CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOUND.

+ - - - - DECREE PLAINTIFF - - - +

+ - - - - DECREE DEFENDANT - - - +

+ - DECREE DATE - +
00/00/0000MICROFILMED
OCT 25 1994

