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March 23, 2018

ROBERT E MORTON
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RE: Ownership of Water Rights 75-66 (Split into 75-66 & 75-14881) 75-10061AB (Split into 75-10061AB & 75-14882), 75-10062Z (Split into 75-10062Z & 75-14883), 75-14530 (split into 75-14530 & 75-14884)

Dear Mr. Morton,

On September 29, 2017, the Department of Water Resources received a request for a change of ownership for water rights, 75-66, 75-10061AB, 75-10062Z and 75-14530. These rights were to be split. An acknowledgement letter confirming the change was sent to you with a copy to Nancy Linell Bills on October 2, 2017. On December 29, 2017, the Department received a letter from Robert L. Harris of Holden Kidwell Hahn & Crapo, PLLC, a law firm, on behalf of Nancy Linell Bills, contesting the change of ownership.

The letter from Mr. Harris enclosed a notarized consent signed by Charles R. Morton stating the inclusion of his land as a portion of the place of use was in error. I have attached a copy of the consent.

Because this ownership change is being contested, the Department is withdrawing the split of the water rights and returning the ownership to Nancy Linell Bills. Water Rights 75-14881, 75-14882, 75-14883 and 75-14884 are no longer valid water rights. Disputes over ownership of water rights can only be resolved by a court. If you disagree with Mr. Harris' assessment of the ownership of these rights, the Department recommends you contact an attorney to discuss the matter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 208-287-4942.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Hersley".

Jean Hersley
Technical Records Specialist II

c: Holden Kidwell Hahn & Crapo, PLLC
Nancy Linell Bills

Enclosures