

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF)
TRANSFER NO.)
80058)
IN THE NAME OF:)
MATHERS RANCH INC)
_____)

NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

On May 13, 2015, MATHERS RANCH INC, filed an Application for Transfer No. 80058 with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (department). Protest(s) were filed by N RANCH LLC, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, and W.T. WILLIAMS INC.

The department has scheduled the matter for pre-hearing conference on Monday, November 30, 2015, beginning at 10:00 AM, at IDAHO DEPT OF WATER RESOURCES, SOUTHERN REGION, 650 ADDISON AVE W STE 500, TWIN FALLS, ID, 83301-5858.

For those parties participating via telephone, please call Century Link at **(720) 279-0026** at the appropriate time on November 30, 2015 as listed above, and enter the assigned Participation Code Number: **485370, followed by the # sign.** Please note, you must enter the “#” sign after the code, or you will not be connected with the conference.

Agenda items for the pre-hearing conference will include:

1. Identify spokesman and/or counsel representing the protestant
2. Review of the application
3. Identify issues of protest
4. Designate date for identifying witnesses
5. Designate target date for conducting administrative hearing if resolution is not possible during the pre-hearing conference.

The department encourages the applicant and protestants to discuss and resolve the protests before the pre-hearing conference. If private discussions are not possible or do not resolve the protests, the department's Rules of Procedure provide for a pre-hearing conference to be held before scheduling a formal hearing.

The pre-hearing conference provides another informal opportunity for the applicant and protestants to meet. The parties often settle their differences at the pre-hearing conference. If a formal hearing is needed to resolve the protests, the pre-hearing conference serves as an opportunity to formulate or simplify the issues, obtain concessions of fact or identification of documents to avoid unnecessary proof, schedule discovery (when discovery is allowed), arrange for the exchange of proposed exhibits or prepared testimony, limit witnesses, schedule hearings, establish procedure at hearings, and address other matters that may expedite orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding.

It is important for all parties to give considerable thought to each of these matters before appearing at the pre-hearing conference and to make the most of the opportunity to resolve the dispute informally.

The pre-hearing conference will be conducted in a facility that satisfies the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the pre-hearing conference, please notify the department at least (10) days prior to the hearing. Inquiries about scheduling, hearing facilities, etc., should be directed to Denise Maline, #(208) 736-3033.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2015.

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Allen Merritt
Southern Regional Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 24th day of September, 2015, true and correct copies of the documents described below were served by placing a copy of the same with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

Document Served: Notice Of Pre-Hearing Conference

MATHERS RANCH INC
3485 E 3100 N
KIMBERLY, ID 83341

N RANCH LLC
JAMEY KINSEY
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KIMBERLY, ID 83341

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
IDAHO STATE OFFICE
FRED PRICE
1387 S VINNELL WAY
BOISE, ID 83709-1657

W T WILLIAMS INC
C/O COLEMAN RITCHIE & CLUFF
DAVID A COLEMAN
PO BOX 525
TWIN FALLS, ID 83303-0525

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Denise Maline", is written over a solid horizontal line.

**Denise Maline
Administrative Assistant**