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May 29, 2014

Jorgensen Farms Limited Partnership
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Dear Property Owner:

This letter is meant to notify you of an Application for Transfer and an Ownership Change which have recently been filed with IDWR involving water right 13-684 from Saltpetre Hollow Creek. The original water right authorized the irrigation of 80 acres in the name of Joseph Swensen. According to the 1920 (Bear River) Decree, the place of use for right 13-684 includes the land in the W ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 15, T11S, R40E. Caribou County taxlot data indicates that you own property within the SWSE of Section 15, so I feel it important to provide you with direct notice of the proposed changes.

The transfer referenced above was filed by Joseph Swensen and proposes to redefine the irrigation place of use for the right's 40 acres in the SWSE of Section 15 to the NESE of the same Section. The Ownership Change referenced above seeks to update the ownership record to show Mr. Swensen as the current owner of all but 2.5 acres of the right. I have enclosed a copy of the Transfer Application for your review.

Mr. Swensen asserts that the right's original owner was his grandfather, Joseph Swensen, who never owned the SWSE of Section 15, and that the decreed place of use was an error. However, if you believe that you are the correct owner of the portion of the water right listed above, please contact me to discuss your ownership interest. You will need to demonstrate that the water right has been delivered to and used on your property in recent years.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter in greater detail. If I do not receive a response from you by June 13, 2014, I will assume that you do not assert an interest in water right 13-684 and have no objection to the Transfer and Ownership Change being proposed by Mr. Swensen. Please be aware that there are other water rights associated with your property. You should consider filing an Ownership Change and/or a Transfer Application to update the records for these other water rights.

Sincerely,

Cooper Fritz
Water Resources Agent
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