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Re: Water Rights 11-936, 11-937 and 11-938

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 rights 11-936, 11-937 and 11-938 from the Bear River. These three water rights in combination authorize the irrigation of 275 acres. According to the 1924 (Bear River) Decree, the place of use for these three water rights might include land in the NE ¼ of Section 12, T15S, R45E. Bear Lake County taxlot data indicates that you own property within the NE ¼ of Section 12.

The ownership change referenced above was filed by Demar Romrell and seeks to update the ownership record for water rights 11-936, 11-937 and 11-938 to show Mr. Romrell as the current owner of the entirety of the three rights. The transfer application referenced above proposes to define the 275-acre irrigation place of use for the water rights to be located entirely on Mr. Romrell's property. I have enclosed a copy of the transfer application.

The 1924 Decree lists JAC Nielsen as the owner of water rights 11-936, 11-937 and 11-938. The decree is vague and includes a number of errors in the place of use description for the three water rights. Therefore, I feel it important to provide nearby property owners direct notice of the proposed changes. If you believe that you are the correct owner of all of or a portion of the water rights listed above, please contact me to discuss your ownership interest. You will need to demonstrate that the water rights have 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 March 28, 2014, I will assume that you do not assert an interest in water rights 11-936, 11-937, and 11-938 and have no objection to the ownership change and transfer being proposed by Mr. Romrell. Please be aware that there are other Bear River water rights associated with your property. You should consider filing and ownership change and transfer application to update the records for these other Bear River rights.

Sincerely,

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Encl: Transfer Application