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Director

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RE: Change of Ownership for Water Rights 13-7868

Dear Water Right Holder:

The department has received notification of an error in completion of an ownership change for the above referenced water right. The department has modified its records to reflect the changes and has enclosed computer-generated reports for your records. The division of the water right should not have been complete.

History, the original owner of the property and the entire water right was William Bassett. William Bassett sold all of the property and all of the water right to Alfred Hansen. Alfred Hansen then sold the North 1/2 of the property and 90 inches to his son Clarence Hansen then the South 1/2 of the property and 70 inches of water to William Hansen. Clarence Hansen then sold all his property and water to George Bowles. George Bowles then sold 3 acres to Val and Sandra Bowles. Therefore Val Bowles should not have received any portion of the Southern 1/2 and 70 inches. Water Right 13-7868 was for the property on the South 1/2 of the original water right. Also Val Bowles deed specifically mentions one hook up to the Trout Creek Culinary Water Users indicating he does not receive any portion of the Middle Fork Creek Water Right unless additional information is provided.

As per our phone conversation on 6/27/2013 there is a possibility that you will receive a portion of water right number 13-7869, the department will hold on to the filing fee paid for the previous split until after we receive the additional information required for a split of water right 13-7869. If at any time you believe you will not be entitled to a portion of water right number 13-7869, please contact the department and we will refund the filing fee paid on 4/3/2013.

Updating the ownership record for a water right does not reconfirm the validity of the right. When processing an ownership change notice, the department does not review the history of water use to determine if the right has been deliberately abandoned or forfeited through five years or more of non-use. To read more about water right forfeiture, including how to protect a water right from forfeiture, please see Sections 42-222 and 42-223, Idaho Code.

Please note that Section 42-248, Idaho Code, requires you or the owner of this water right to maintain current ownership and address records on file with the department. Forms to file a change of ownership of a water right and/or a change in the address of the water right owner are available from any department office, or at the department's website at: www.idwr.idaho.gov.

Please feel free to contact this office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jonie Barg
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Enclosures

cc: William Bassett
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