

Hemenway, Sandy

From: John Athens [jathens01@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2012 3:11 PM
To: Hemenway, Sandy
Subject: Re: water rights -- North Star Ranch, Inc.

Sandy,

I sent in the completed application yesterday for correcting the location. I think it is best to go ahead and process that. If it turns out that the location of the spring still needs to be corrected, we will pay the fee again to do that. Right now, I can't be sure just when I will get the GPS readings for the spring, and there is a good chance the correction being done now will be sufficient. So go ahead and process what I just put in the mail to you.

It is possible I will be at north star when you are in the area. You are welcome. I will keep you posted if I will be there. I can't say for sure yet because I was just hired to be a hearing officer on an administrative matter here in Alaska. I was told the parties wanted the hearing to be in August, but the date has not yet been confirmed. To get to the ranch, you either have to fly in, or drive to the trail head and walk 9 miles. If you did walk, you would probably want to stop in at the West Fork ranger station to check with them. Also, I can send you some detailed instructions. The walk is fairly easy, but because of the sun in August, you would want to do it in the morning. And it is likely that you will come across a few rattlesnakes at that time of year. (That does not bother most people, but others get hysterical.) The sun should actually be of far more concern than snakes.

John

On Wed, Aug 1, 2012 at 3:24 AM, Hemenway, Sandy <Sandy.Hemenway@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

John,

If you think the spring location that your nephew designated on the map still is located in the wrong Quarter-Quarter, due to the location shown on the map you submitted with your 7/30/2012 email, I would rather wait until you GPS it, instead of receiving another letter for a correction, since then I have to write another Order of Reconsideration, and another Amendment for Licensing (which you would need to sign and return), or you can file a transfer anytime to correct the point of diversion (\$100 filing fee, and another application). Please let me know what you would like to do.

When will you be going to the cabin? I am scheduled to go to that area August 21st – 23rd, and could possibly meet you if you tell me the directions coming from Boise.

Thank you for attaching a copy of the signed ownership change form.

From: John Athens [mailto:jathens01@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2012 12:03 PM
To: Hemenway, Sandy
Subject: Re: water rights -- North Star Ranch, Inc.

Sandy,

I can't believe I did not sign the form! Attached is the signed form, and the city. I will put the original in the mail to you when I send in the application for correction--which should be today.

Let's just leave the location of the spring where my nephew designated. When I get a chance--probably this fall--I will use GPS to get an exact location of the spring. If it turns out it is different, then we will apply to correct the location. For us, the bigger problem right now is to correct where the spring water is used, which is our main cabin next to the airstrip.

Thanks for all of your help and patience. I think this is finally getting wrapped up.

John

On Tue, Jul 31, 2012 at 4:41 AM, Hemenway, Sandy <Sandy.Hemenway@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

Hi John,

I have attached the ownership change form you sent. Please sign your name on the form, since you are the president, and return the ownership form (via email) and/or just return the original via mail.

When I receive the amendment and the signed ownership form, the license will be issued to "North Star Ranch, Inc 1955 Raven Dr. (what is the City, since it was not on the form?)".

If the location for the spring is actually the location that your nephew designated, then that is what we want on the license. The Exhibit A map may have been the plan submitted, when actually the developed spring ended up being different. So, if the location designated by your nephew is correct, let me know, and there will be no changes. If the location on Exhibit A is correct, then another amendment will need to be issued, signed and returned since it places the spring in a different quarter-quarter.

Sandy

From: John Athens [mailto:jathens01@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2012 12:59 PM
To: Hemenway, Sandy
Subject: water rights -- North Star Ranch, Inc.

Sandy,

The Application for Amendment we were sent to complete has on it the name of my deceased brother, William C. Athens. Now that the ownership of the water rights has been corrected to North Star Ranch, Inc., I wonder if I should be sent a new application. Or, I can just cross out the name and address on the application and write in the correct name and address, if that is acceptable.

The other matter is the location of the spring. On the federal permit for the water rights, there is a topo map which shows the location of the spring, the water line, and the main cabin where the water ends up. The latitude and longitude are given for the location of the spring. Attached is a copy of the topo map. (The colors on the map are what I drew in for clarity.) It shows the spring a little closer to the main cabin than I had indicated. I have to say, I think the topo map shows the spring to be a nearer to the cabin than it actually is. But also, I think the spring may not be quite so far away as shown on the map you prepared. Maybe this does not make any difference, but I thought I should let you know.

John

EXHIBIT A

