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RE: Change of Ownership for Water Rights 27-2118 (No Split), 27-4077 (No Split), 27-4078 (No Split), 27-7325B (No Split), 27-7449 (Split into 27-12248 & 27-12249) 27-10022 (No Split), 27-10023 (No Split), 27-10025 (Ownership Change not complete see below), 27-10751 (No Split) & 27-10752 (No Split)

Dear Water Right Holder:

The department acknowledges receipt of correspondence changing ownership and splitting the above referenced water right. The department has modified its records to reflect the changes and has enclosed computer-generated reports for your records.

Your portion of the water right has a specified point of diversion, nature of use and place of use. If you plan on changing any of these, including adding a new point of diversion, then an Application for Transfer on your portion of this right is required. If you do not plan on changing any items on your water right, then no further action is required at this time.

Please note the ownership change for water right number 27-10025 has not been complete. In order for the department to complete that ownership change additional information is required as requested with your Application for Transfer. Upon receipt of the additional information the ownership change will be complete with your application for transfer.

Also please note as per your request during a conversation on May 11, 2012 the department only removed Lila Oleson as current owner of the following water rights 27- 2118, 27-4077, 27-4078, 27-7325B, 27-10751 & 27-10752. Removal of a deceased person's name does not require a filing fee.

During our review we also found that water right number 27-7449 would require a split which requires additional filing fee. The split fee for a change of ownership is \$100.00 per water right. It also appears an additional ownership change for water right number 27-12248 (Split from 27-7449) may be required according to the Bingham County taxlot data this water right is owned by Joe Steven and Elizabeth Oleson.

The total fee received for your application was \$250.00 (10 x 25 =250). However with the additional research it appears the filing fee should have been \$175.00 (6x0=0 & 1x100=100 & 3x25=75). Therefore the department acknowledges you are entitled to a \$75.00 dollar refund. The department has initiated the refund and it should arrive from the state office within a couple of weeks.

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: Water District 27
Water District 120
Bingham Ground Water District