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From: Edl, Michele
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2012 1:47 PM
To: 'Coats, Erik'
Subject: RE: University of Idaho, Taylor Ranch Hydropower Water Right (water right no. 77-14145)

Dr. Coats,

The Proof of Beneficial Use form for permit 77-14145 has not yet been submitted and is not expected until August 1, 2012. An email dated September 6, 2007 from my supervisor, Mr. Shelley Keen to Mr. Gerald Billington, indicates that the permit holders (the University of Idaho Regents) requested an early-bird copy of the form.

The next step in the water rights process will be triggered when IDWR receives the Proof of Beneficial Use form. That step would be an examination by a certified water rights examiner to confirm the beneficial use.

I understand that the hydro has been in place and operational for some time so Proof of Beneficial Use could be submitted at any time. The proof of beneficial use form is type enabled and available on our web site. Here is a link to the Proof of Beneficial Use form

http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/RulesStatutesForms/WaterRights/PDFs/PROOF_OF_BENEFICIAL_USE.pdf

And here are the instructions and fee schedule

http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/RulesStatutesForms/WaterRights/PDFs/INSTRUCTIONS_FOR_FILING_PROOF_OF_BENEFICIAL_USE.pdf

If the permit holders decide to make a change to the point of diversion as soon as possible, it can be done relatively easily while this right is still in permit status. The process is to file for an amendment of a permit.

Here is a link to the form to that form

http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/RulesStatutesForms/WaterRights/PDFs/APPLICATION_FOR_AMENDMENT_OF_PERMIT.pdf

Changes to elements of a water right can be made at other stages in the iterative process to obtain a water right.

After 'proof' is submitted, field exam to confirm beneficial use must be conducted before a license can be issued. And IDWR has a rather lengthy backlog of permits needing exams at this time. The permit holders may wish to hire a certified examiner from the private sector to shorten the time to licensing.

Once licensed, the process for changing the point of diversion is called a transfer. IDWR has dedicated lots of web space to explaining and making the transfer process as easy as possible. But it's not a one page form

http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights/WaterRightTransfers/wrt_default.htm

I would be happy to discuss this permit and the water rights process in more detail via other medium. Please provide options for dates and times.

Sincerely

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From: Coats, Erik [<mailto:ecoats@uidaho.edu>]
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Subject: University of Idaho, Taylor Ranch Hydropower Water Right (water right no. 77-14145)

Good afternoon Michele. One of my graduate students, Jamin Ankney, has previously spoken with you regarding the UI's Taylor Ranch hydropower water right on Pioneer Creek (water right no. 77-14145). He has told me that in order to begin certifying this water right you need photos of the creek intake. I have attached photos taken in 2009....the intake remains as shown. I have also included a photo of the hydropower unit.

What else do you require to certify this water right?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you in advance.

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