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Paul Keetch
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RE: Transfer and Ownership change required

Mr. Keetch

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR or Department) has received a request to update or modify its water rights account model used to administer and manage water use within Water District 11, specifically for the Laracco-Kent diversion. The Laracco-Kent diversion and the ownership of water rights 11-910, 11-911, 11-912, 11-918, 11-919, 11-920, 11-921, 11-922, 11-923, 11-913, 11-914, 11-915, 11-916 and 11-917 are in the name of Fern Keetch, Thomas Quayle and Oron Quayle. Ownership of water rights in Idaho requires that in the event of the sale or conveyance of water rights, the new owner is required by law to notify IDWR of the Change in Ownership.

It is important to maintain the proper owner names and addresses on all water right records of the Department to ensure that all water right owners are properly notified concerning any action proposed or completed by the Department. The change in ownership also provides Water District 11 the proper contact information to maintain water district function such as annual meeting notice, assessment notices, proper measurement of diversions within its boundaries and other functions that may occur and be carried out by the Water District.

IDWR has also done a review of the water rights along with the place of use (POU) research and have determined that a portion of your land based on Bear Lake County tax lot information and aerial and satellite imagery are not covered by a valid water right. A transfer needs to be filed with the department that will address the place of use issues on your property. A transfer and change of ownership can be filed with the same documents to the department. If a water right transfer and an ownership change are not filed with IDWR before the 2010 irrigation season, IDWR may issue a Notice of Violation and a Cease and Desist order on the irrigation of your lands not currently covered by a valid water right.

SUPPORT DATA

IN FILE # 11-910

You may contact me directly at 208-287-4842 and or the regional office in Idaho Falls at 208-525-7161 to address this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Corbin Knowles', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Corbin Knowles
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