



State of Idaho

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RE: Notice of Change in Ownership: 63-32975

Dear Interested Party,

The Department of Water Resources acknowledges receipt of your Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership. Our review of your notice indicates that additional information is required before we can process the change. The Department would like some clarification on the purpose of the Change in Ownership. Water Rights are usually conveyed with the land as an appurtenance. What are your intentions with this water right since you don't own the land?

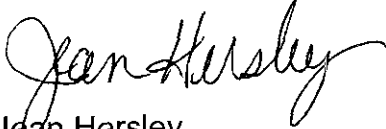
Enclosed you will find a water right proof report for your convenience. This water right was licensed to supplement water for lands that are irrigated with water from Nampa- Meridian Irrigation District. Please note condition of approval #2 on the enclosed proof report. This right cannot be used on lands that are not currently receiving water from an irrigation district as this would be an expansion of the water right. Do you intend to transfer this right to another property that is currently irrigated with irrigation district water? If so, you may want to file an application for transfer to "move" the water right to the property that you intend to supplement rather than filing the ownership change. An approved transfer could accomplish a change in ownership of the right to your name, once it is processed.

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.

Because the Department cannot process the ownership change without proper documentation, we will hold any action on your notice pending receipt of the necessary information. If we do not receive the necessary information within 30 days we will return your notice and all attachments and your notice will not be processed.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Hersley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jean" and last name "Hersley" clearly distinguishable.

Jean Hersley
Office Specialist II

Enclosure