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Re: Application for Transfer of Water Right Nos. 67-14586, 67-14588, 67-14592

Dear Applicants:

You recently filed an application for transfer to change the above referenced water rights. Processing of the application must be delayed as explained below.

The application describes water rights for which Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Claims have been filed. SRBA Claims in the area affected by the transfer applications are currently being reviewed. The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) role in the SRBA is to review claims and make recommendations regarding those claims to the SRBA Court. Recommendations are presented to the court in a Director's Report. Potentially affected parties may object to recommendations in a Director's Report. This process introduces uncertainty regarding water rights until the objection period is over.

IDWR's limited staff resources must be used to complete the remaining Director's Reports during the coming months. Additionally, experience indicates that processing an application for transfer in an area where a Director's Report is being prepared can result in confusion and complications by mixing judicial (SRBA) and administrative (transfer) actions.

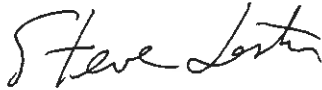
The SRBA objection period for the area in question is expected to conclude by next spring if not earlier. Based on that schedule and the above reasoning, the application cannot be processed at this time. IDWR will hold the transfer application and will notify you at the appropriate time when it can be processed

IDWR regrets the inconvenience undoubtedly caused by this necessary delay. Meanwhile, there is something you can do to facilitate eventual transfer processing and to protect your interest in the water rights. Please file an ownership change for the water rights by using the enclosed form.

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Ownership updates can then be completed while the transfer application remains on hold. Please contact me at 208-334-2190 if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Lester".

Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure