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Re: Ownership of Water Right No. 61-2137A

Dear Water Right Owner:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is responsible for recording water right ownership based on legal documentation provided by water right owners. This generally occurs within the Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership process. It can also be accomplished by an approved Transfer of Water Right. Both methods typically include legally binding warranty deeds or other conveyance documents as evidence of ownership.

Water Right No. 61-2137A originated under a single ownership but was subsequently split into portions for separate owners. The splits were accomplished by an approved Transfer of Water Right and several Notices of Change in Water Right Ownership. Those results are summarized in Table 1. The original right authorized 33 acres of irrigation within the 40-acre SW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 12, T3S, R6E ("QQ").

Table 1. Current Splits of Water Right No. 61-2137A Recorded by IDWR

OWNER	WATER RIGHT #	IRRIGATION ACRES
Baird	61-12059	4.0
Engelhardt	61-12151	3.5
Briggs	61-12153	4.0
Wilson	61-12154	7.5
Labbe	61-12155	14.0
Total		33.0

One owner recently petitioned IDWR regarding the accuracy of some of the current water right records for this situation. A subsequent re-examination of water right records and warranty deeds provided to IDWR established the following conclusions.

1) By 1992 Wilson owned 35 acres of the 40-acre QQ. Baird owned the other 5 acres.

SUPPORT DATA
IN FILE # 61-12154