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RE: Change of Ownership for Water Right No: 35-12691, 35-12706

Dear Water Right Holder:

The department acknowledges receipt of correspondence changing ownership of the above referenced water rights to you. The department has modified its records to reflect the change in ownership and has enclosed computer-generated reports for your records.

We were not able to change the ownership for Water Right No. 35-13068 as the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Court issued a partial decree describing the water right with a place of use different than your property as described in the documentation you submitted.

In order to process your change in ownership, we need documentation to show that you own the water right or the property described as the place of use for the water right. If you believe that the SRBA Court issued the partial decree with an error in the description of the place of use, you may be able pursue one of the following options with the Court.

- 1) Motion to set-aside – a motion filed with the SRBA Court, which if granted, would provide a process to correct the partial decree. You would need to provide justification for the correction.
- 2) Motion to file late claim – a motion filed with the SRBA Court, which if granted, would allow you to file a new claim for your existing water use. A late claim would be investigated for validity and accuracy by the Department.

Please contact Danni Smith of this office at 287-4910 if you have questions related to the SRBA. Ms. Smith can assist you with the SRBA Court's processes.

As additional alternatives, you could pursue one of the following options with the Department.

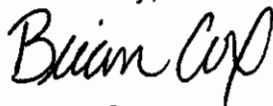
- 1) New Appropriation – an application for permit filed with the Department to develop a new water right. If a permit is approved, the priority date is the date that the application is filed. Some areas of the state are closed to new development. Please note that a water right permit is not required for certain domestic uses from a ground water source.
- 2) Water Right Transfer – an application filed with the Department to change an existing water right. In this case, the purpose of the transfer would be to change the place of use (and possibly the point of diversion) to your property description. You would need to provide evidence of ownership or authorization from the current owner of record before the Department could process the application.

If you choose to file an application for permit or transfer with the Department, you may be able to apply any fees submitted with your Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership to the application. Please contact staff from the Water Right Permits section of this office if you have additional questions related to the applications described above.

Please let us know within 30 days how you plan to proceed. If we do not hear from you within 30 days we will refund any fees submitted with your notice.

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

Sincerely,



Brian Cox
Technical Reviewer

Enclosures

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