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RE: Water Right No. 17-7132 & 17-7140
Change in Ownership

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 information required is indicated below:

X **Evidence of Water Right Ownership:** copy of Deed, Title Policy, Contract of Sale, or other legal document indicating your ownership of the property and/or water rights in question

The documentation submitted (copy enclosed) is not sufficient to change the ownership of the water rights to BLM. In order to proceed with the ownership change, we must receive documentation that actually conveys the water rights to BLM from Black Pine Mining, Inc.

It also appears that a transfer of the water right may be necessary beyond the ownership change. The water rights currently have a specified use of mining. Should BLM intend to use the water rights for livestock or wildlife, as the documentation suggests, a transfer would be necessary to change the use of the water rights. Enclosed is an Application for Transfer of Water Right. Should you determine this to be the accurate process, please complete the application and return it to our office. The fees submitted for the ownership change will be applied to the transfer. If you have a question regarding the transfer, please contact Pam Skaggs at 208-287-4951.

This matter was originally submitted to the Burley office. We have been informed, however, that your office would be better able to attend to this matter. 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 note that water right owners are required to report any change in water right ownership and/or mailing address to the Department within 120 days of the change. Failure to report these changes could result in a \$100 late filing fee. Contact any office of the Department or visit the Department's homepage (<http://www.idwr.state.id.us>) on the Internet to obtain the proper forms and instructions.

Please feel free to contact the Department if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures