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October 23, 2025

BIGELOW LAND LLC
5035 E 34 N
RIRIE ID 83443

RE: Change in Ownership Water Right No. 34-367B, 34-684C, 34-685C, 34-2269, 34-4070

Dear Sir/Madam:

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:

**** **Evidence of Ownership:** On May 27, 2025, you submitted an ownership change for the above-mentioned water rights. A letter requesting additional information was sent on June 3, 2025 (copy enclosed). According to the notes on the file, you came into the office and met with James Cefalo. On June 24, 2025, James sent you an email requesting additional information. I have attached a copy of that email, specifying the required information and/or changes to the application/deed required. As of today, we have not received any additional information.

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

Please note that Section 42-248, Idaho Code, requires you or the owner of this water right to maintain current ownership and address records on file with the department. Forms to file a change of ownership of a water right and/or a change in the address of the water right owner are available from any department office, or at the department's website at: www.idwr.idaho.gov.

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

Sincerely,

Jonie Baily
Technical Records Specialist



Split of Big Lost River Rights

From Cefalo, James <James.Cefalo@idwr.idaho.gov>

Date Tue 6/24/2025 8:15 AM

To rmauthe@gmail.com <rmauthe@gmail.com>; jeremiahbigelow@msn.com <jeremiahbigelow@msn.com>

Cc mauthie@gmail.com <mauthie@gmail.com>

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Mauthe, McCaslin Water Rights.pdf;

Rick and Jeremiah,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me last week. After our meeting, I discussed the ownership change with the water rights supervisor in our office who has the most experience working through water right splits. He identified the same enlargement concerns that I did.

After wrestling with the numbers for some time, I found that the largest portion of the 1884 right that can be moved to the Mauthe property, without enlarging the water rights, but still preserving at least 60 inches of surface water at the Mauthe property, is 18 acres. It's difficult to fully explain in an email, but the limiting factor ended up being the existing combined rate limit for water rights 34-684C, 34-685C and 34-7248. These three rights are limited to a combined diversion rate of 1.60 cfs. If more than 18 acres of water rights are switched, the authorized rate for ground water right 34-7248 must be reduced. I figured that neither of you are interested in giving up any portion of the ground water rights, so I did not exceed 18 acres. If 18 acres of the 1884 right were moved, each of you would end up with the following water rights:

Richard Mauthe, Nancy McCaslin

Right No.	Source	Priority	Rate (cfs)	Acres
34-684C (part)	Big Lost River	6/1/1885	0.49	24.5
34-685C (part)	Big Lost River	8/1/1896	0.49	28.4
34-7248	Ground Water	7/8/1980	0.97	46.4
		Combined Limit	0.98	
34-569F(part)	Big Lost River	4/22/1884	0.36	18.0
		Combined Limit	1.34	46.4

1.34 cfs = 67 inches

If Johnsons confirm that they do not own any rights:

Bigelow Land LLC

Right No.	Source	Priority	Rate (cfs)	Acres
34-569F (part)	Big Lost River	4/22/1884	0.64	32.0
34-367B	Big Lost River	9/28/1896	0.10	5.0
34-2269	Ground Water	1/30/1945	0.59	34.5

34-4070	Ground Water	8/1/1961	1.80	105.1
		Combined Limit	2.47	
34-684C (part)	Big Lost River	6/1/1885	0.31	15.5
34-685C (part)	Big Lost River	8/1/1896	0.31	18.0
		Combined Limit	3.09	107.6

If Johnsons assert ownership of 4.0 acres of ground water rights:

Wesley and Rebecca Johnson

Right No.	Source	Priority	Rate (cfs)	Acres
34-2269 (part)	Ground Water	1/30/1945	0.03	1.3
34-4070 (part)	Ground Water	8/1/1961	0.07	4.0
		Combined Limit	0.10	4.0

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34-569F (part)	Big Lost River	4/22/1884	0.64	32.0
34-367B	Big Lost River	9/28/1896	0.10	5.0
34-2269	Ground Water	1/30/1945	0.56	33.2
34-4070	Ground Water	8/1/1961	1.73	101.1
		Combined Limit	2.37	
34-684C (part)	Big Lost River	6/1/1885	0.31	15.5
34-685C (part)	Big Lost River	8/1/1896	0.31	18.0
		Combined Limit	2.99	103.6

I've attached reports for the current water rights so you can see the existing combined rate and combined acre limits. I hope this helps provide a path forward. Please reach out if you have additional questions.

James



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