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Director Mathew Weaver

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Mr Ravenscroft,

After your call to my office on Monday, December 29th I investigated the information you have provided. In our phone conversation you expressed your desire to share the financial burden of the assessments from North Snake Groundwater District with your neighbor who also uses water under water right 37-7343. It is also my understanding that the owner on record for water right 37-7343 is no longer accurate and needs updated. Please note that Section 42-248, Idaho Code, requires the owner(s) 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.

Over the phone, you had also expressed how the neighboring property was deeded along with all appurtenances. This means that respective portion of water right 37-7343 now belongs to the neighbor and they will need to submit a "Notice in Change of Water Right Ownership" form along with a copy of their deed to get their portion of water right 37-7343 split and assigned to their name. Being vaguely aware of the probate situation surrounding this property, if through the courts, the water right (37-7343) has been assigned other than what is on record, then the Idaho Department of Water Resources is unaware of any such judgement.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources is unable to dictate the business practices of the groundwater districts outside of those spelled out in Idaho Code 42, Chapter 52. The North Snake Groundwater District assigns assessments to the tax parcel of the water right owner of record. If any financial compensation from your neighbor is required, it is out of the jurisdiction of IDWR and/or the Groundwater District and thus becomes a civil matter.

Sincerely,

Corey King
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