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DIRK KEMPTHORNE Governor KARL J. DREHER Director

Pete Peterson Water Master District 11 PO Box 349 Preston, Idaho 83263

Mr. Petersen:

Enclosed is a copy of Idaho Code 42-248 about "Notice of change in ownership...." Please note that only individuals whose properties have changed hands after June 30, 2000 are required to provide a change of ownership of a water right.

This possibly can leave many properties without identity as to ownership and water rights. The water district will have to try to fill that gap to insure that in the 2003 irrigation season the proper parties are billed for their water use.

These questions have been raised at our office and we wanted you to be informed before the irrigation season starts.

Sincerely,

Harold W. Jones

Water Resource Supervisor

Cc: Gerald Brown