

Merritt, Allen

From: Merritt, Allen
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2002 10:12
To: Larsen, Dick; 'Carneys'
Cc: Jones, Doug
Subject: RE: water rights questions

Dear Mr. Carney:

As you know Mr. Larsen passed on your information request. I understand from your message you have begun investigate your water rights for your ranch. As you may be finding it can be confusing in some situations. I really have no easy answers to your questions but I or one of our staff would be willing to met with you at our office in Twin Falls to address specific issues.

Although I have not investigated your water rights in detail I understand you have taken the necessary step of changing the ownership record of the rights at our ranch into your name. Our records indicate your ownership change was submitted 8/8/01 on rights 37-758, 760, -761a, -763, -764, 1163 and -2578. The data entry was completed 8/9/01.

Your rights as others in the Snake River Basin are presently involved in an adjudication of water rights. This court case will ultimately make a determination of the water rights in the Basin. The SRBA process will sort through past court cases, claims to new uses, unrecorded uses, changes of use and all the other issues involved. The Fish Creek area rights have not yet been fully investigated but will be in the next few years and you will be contacted and involved in the process. If you have questions about the SRBA I encourage you to visit our web site to learn more about it... <http://www.idwr.state.id.us/info/water/srba/main.htm>

From your message I understand you have contacted the local ditch rider or watermaster. As you may know next Monday (3/4/2002) Fish Creek waterusers will have their annual meeting to adopt a budget and elect a watermaster for delivery of the water rights on Fish Creek for the up coming irrigation season. The meeting is at 2:00pm at the Carey City Hall. I encourage you to attend. To learn more about water districts and their function please visit our web site at..... <http://www.idwr.state.id.us/info/water/Districts/default.htm>

If you have questions please feel free to visit or contact our office.

Allen Merritt, PE
Southern Region Manager

-----Original Message-----

From: Larsen, Dick
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2002 8:03 AM
To: 'Carneys'; Merritt, Allen
Subject: RE: water rights questions

Dear Mr. Carney

Thank you for your email regarding water rights on Fish Creek.

I will forward your request to Allen Merritt, our Southern Region manager at our Twin Falls Regional Office. It is IDWR's Southern Region in which your property is located. He will respond directly to you.

3/1/2002

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carneys [mailto:carnkend@pmt.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 2:25 PM
To: IDWRInfo@idwr.state.id.us
Subject: water rights questions

Hi,

Having just bought a ranch, on Fish creek near Carey, and going over the water rights with ditch rider I found it a complicated situation with all the ranchers having a combination of different water rights with different years; and court cases through the years changing the laws. It would be easy to interpret the water rights in different ways. So is there any one in your personnel that could explain to me how it is all figured out. And when they get it figured out put it in a computer program, where every one could understand it? Thanks Mr. Carney