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Subject: Clarification in Using “Verification of Landholdings” (Form 7-21VERIFY)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify requirements relating to the submittal of Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA) Form 7-21VERIFY to verify standard RRA forms.

Effective with the 2012 water year, Form 7-21VERIFY and instructions will be revised to specifically state that one Form 7-21VERIFY can only verify **one** standard RRA form, but can verify multiple non-standard forms. In addition, the actual form will be modified to separate the list of standard forms from the list of non-standard forms. The “General Information About the RRA Forms” (Form 7-21INFO) will also be revised effective with the 2012 water year to clarify the use of Form 7-21VERIFY.

Standard RRA forms are defined as “Forms on which landholders provide complete information about the directly and indirectly owned and leased nonexempt lands in their landholdings.”

The Following RRA Forms May Be Verified on Form 7-21VERIFY

Standard Forms (only one of these forms can be verified on one Form 7-21VERIFY)

Number	Name
7-2180	Certification of Individual’s Landholdings (Discretionary Provisions)
7-2180EZ	“EZ” Certification of Individual’s Landholdings (Discretionary Provisions)
7-2181	Certification of Entity’s Landholdings (Discretionary Provisions)
7-2184	Certification of Religious or Charitable Organization’s Landholdings (Discretionary Provisions)
7-2190	Report of Individual’s Landholdings (Prior Law Provisions)
7-2190EZ	“EZ” Report of Individual’s Landholdings (Prior Law Provisions)
7-2191	Report of Entity’s Landholdings (Prior Law Provisions)
7-2194	Report of Religious or Charitable Organization’s Landholdings (Prior Law Provisions)
7-21PE	Declaration of Public Entity’s Landholdings
7-21TRUST	Declaration of Trust’s or Estate’s Landholdings

Non-Standard Forms (both of these forms can be verified on one Form 7-21VERIFY)

Number	Name
7-21FC	Selection of Full-Cost Land
7-21XS	Designation of Excess Land

Summary: Form 7-21VERIFY can be used to verify **both** non-standard forms listed above plus **one** of the standard forms listed on the previous page.

Consequence of Using Form 7-21VERIFY to Verify More Than One Standard RRA Form

For 2011 water year and prior years:

The landholders will not be required to submit another Form 7-21VERIFY in the 2011 water year and prior years. With the phrase “**standard form(s)**,” the form instructions imply that multiple RRA standard forms can be verified on one Form 7-21VERIFY.

For 2012 water year and thereafter:

Effective with the 2012 water year, a separate Form 7-21VERIFY must be submitted for each standard form. If one Form 7-21VERIFY is used to verify two or more standard forms, the administrative fee will be assessed for a form submittal violation in the same way it is assessed for other landholders with form submittal violations, if the landholder in question was required to submit an RRA form for that water year.

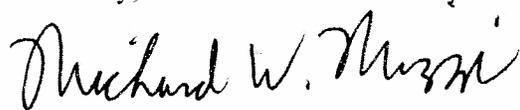
Example: Landholder A submits one Form 7-21VERIFY dated March 29, 2012, to verify:

- (1) Form 7-2180 dated March 30, 2011, completed as an individual, and
- (2) Form 7-21TRUST dated March 30, 2011, completed as a trustee of that trust.

In the above example, if Landholder A and the Trust were both required to file forms, there will be a form submittal violation as the Form 7-21VERIFY and instructions were modified for clarification in the 2012 water year.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this letter, please contact the appropriate Reclamation office.

Sincerely,



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