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Department of Water Resources

**AGREEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERS
REGARDING MUD LAKE WATER DELIVERY**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date following their respective signatures.

MUD LAKE WATER USERS, INC.

Gerald Messerli 4-17-01
Gerald Messerli, President Date signed

DOBSON RANCH PARTNERSHIP

Andy Dobson 4-17-01
Andy Dobson, Partner Date Signed

LEVEL CANAL COMPANY

Wilfried Schmitt 4-17-01
Wilfried Schmitt, President Date signed

JALENE SHULDBERG

Jalene Shuldberg 4-17-01
Jalene Shuldberg Date signed

KEITH SHULDBERG

Keith Shuldberg 4-17-01
Keith Shuldberg Date signed

JOAN BURTENSHAW

Joan Burtenshaw 4/17/01
Joan Burtenshaw Date signed

VAN BURTENSHAW

Van Burtenshaw 4/17/01
Van Burtenshaw Date signed

BEVERLY BURTENSHAW

Beverly Burtenshaw 4-17-01
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DON BURTENSHAW

Don Burtenshaw 4-17-01
Don Burtenshaw Date signed

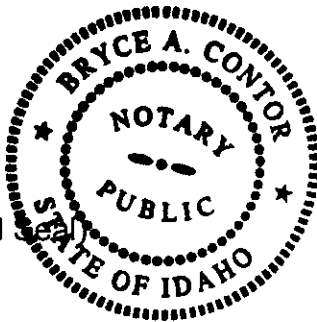
INDEPENDENT WATER USERS OF MUD LAKE, INC.

Andy Dobson 4-17-01
Andy Dobson, President Date signed

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Felimon)

I, Bryce A. Contor, a notary public, do hereby certify on this 17th day of April, 2001, personally appeared before me **Gerald Messerli** who, being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the President of Mud Lake Water Users, Inc. and that he signed this **AGREEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERS REGARDING MUD LAKE WATER DELIVERY** in his official capacity, and that the statements contained herein are true.

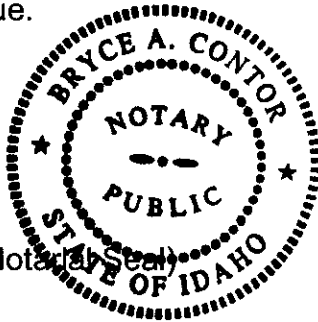


(Notarial Seal)

Bryce A. Contor
Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at Mud Lake ID
My Commission expires 10/14/2005

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Felimon)

I, Bryce A. Contor, a notary public, do hereby certify on this 17th day of April, 2001, personally appeared before me **Andy Dobson** who, being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is a Partner of Dobson Ranch Partnership and that he signed this **AGREEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERS REGARDING MUD LAKE WATER DELIVERY** in his official capacity, and that the statements contained herein are true.

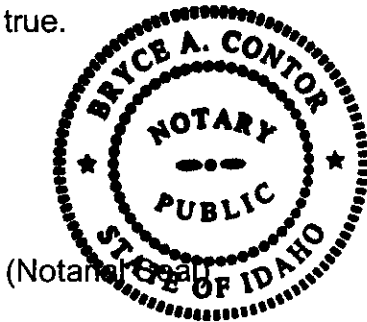


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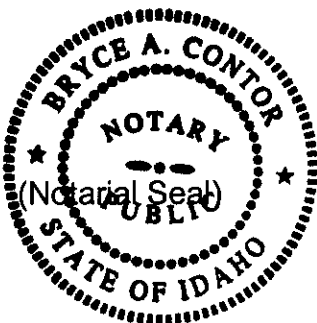
I, Bryce A. Contor, a notary public, do hereby certify on this 17 day of April, 2001, personally appeared before me **Wilfried Schmitt** who, being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the President of Level Canal Company and that he signed this **AGREEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERS REGARDING MUD LAKE WATER DELIVERY** in his official capacity, and that the statements contained herein are true.



Bryce A. Contor
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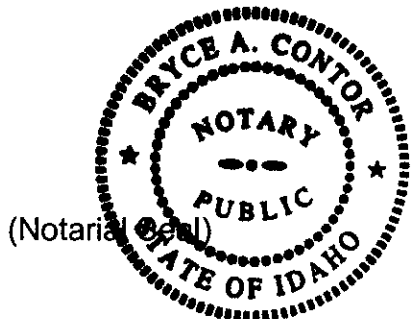
I, Bryce A. Contor, a notary public, do hereby certify on this 17th day of April, 2001, personally appeared before me **Jalene Shuldborg** who, being by me first duly sworn, signed this **AGREEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERS REGARDING MUD LAKE WATER DELIVERY**, and declared that the statements contained herein are true.



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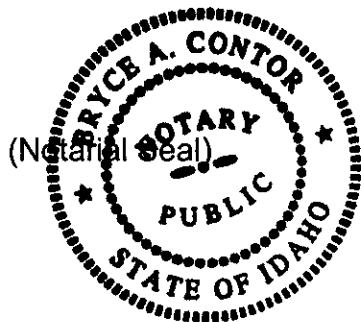
I, Bryce A. Contor, a notary public, do hereby certify on this 17th day of April, 2001, personally appeared before me **Keith Shuldberg** who, being by me first duly sworn, signed this **AGREEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERS REGARDING MUD LAKE WATER DELIVERY**, and declared that the statements contained herein are true.



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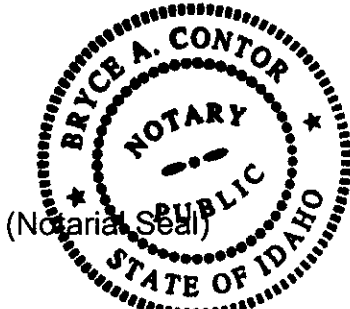
I, Bryce A. Contor, a notary public, do hereby certify on this 17th day of April, 2001, personally appeared before me **Joan Burtenshaw** who, being by me first duly sworn, signed this **AGREEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERS REGARDING MUD LAKE WATER DELIVERY**, and declared that the statements contained herein are true.



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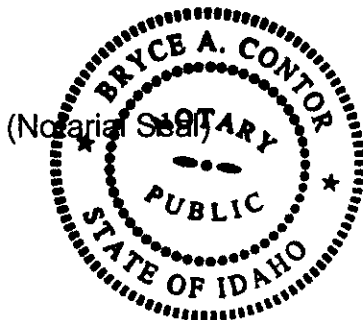
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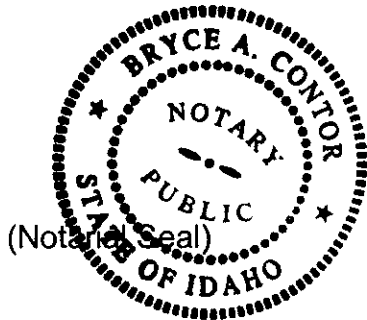
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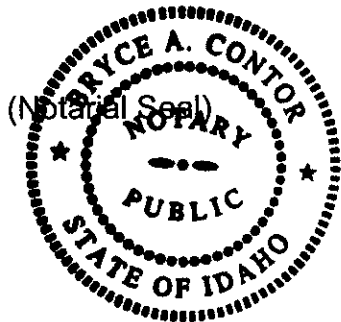
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ATTACHMENT A
TO AGREEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERS
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1. Surface Water Rights Stored In Mud Lake

31	5
31	6
31	19
31	26
31	27
31	34
31	35
31	36
31	37
31	38
31	52
31	65
31	104
31	105
31	134
31	135
31	143
31	144
31	147 A
31	159
31	162
31	163
31	166
31	168
31	169
31	184
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31	263
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31	363
31	7005
31	10957
31	10958
31	10959
31	10960
31	10961
31	10962
31	11335
31	11337

2. Ground Water Rights Stored In Mud Lake

31	332
31	11339
31	11429
31	11430
31	11432

3. Ground Water Irrigation Rights Delivered Through Mud Lake

31	327
31	328
31	329
31	330
31	331
31	336 B
31	337 B
31	371
31	2239
31	2265
31	2289
31	2290
31	2297
31	2310
31	2317 A
31	2317 B
31	2321
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STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ALAN G. LANCE
April 4, 2001

Mud Lake Water Users, Inc.
C/O Kent Foster
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PO Box 50130
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VIA Email to kfoster@holdenlegal.com

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Montevideo ID 83435

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HC 69 Box 2610
Hamer ID 83425

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1603 N 1000 E
Terreton, ID 83450

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1698 N 1300 E
Terreton ID 83450

Dear Claimants:

Enclosed is a draft of the Agreement of Mud Lake Water Owners
Regarding Mud Lake Water Delivery. Please review the document carefully and

discuss it with your attorney. I would like to have full agreement between the water right owners on this Agreement no later than April 19th, 2001 in order to allow the Department to meet its April deadline for filing its Director's Report with the SRBA Court.

The signatories to the agreement are based on information that the Idaho Department of Water Resources has at this time, if there has been a change in who may bind the different entities please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions please call me at (208) 327-5404.

Very Truly Yours,


Candice M. McHugh
Deputy Attorney General

Enclosures

cc: Greg Shenton, Watermaster
Don Parker, Level Canal Company

DRAFT 4/4/01

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Gerald Messerli, President Date signed

DOBSON RANCH PARTNERSHIP

Andy Dobson, Partner Date Signed

LEVEL CANAL COMPANY

Wilfried Schmitt, President Date signed

JALENE SHULDBERG

Jalene Shuldberg Date signed

KEITH SHULDBERG

Keith Shuldberg Date signed

JOAN BURTENSCHAW

Joan Burtenshaw Date signed

VAN BURTENSCHAW

Van Burtenshaw Date signed

BEVERLY BURTENSCHAW

Beverly Burtenshaw Date signed

DON BURTENSCHAW

Don Burtenshaw Date signed

INDEPENDENT WATER USERS OF MUD LAKE, INC.

Andy Dobson, President Date signed

ATTACHMENT A
TO AGREEMENT OF WATER RIGHT OWNERS
REGARDING MUD LAKE WATER DELIVERY

1. Surface Water Rights Stored In Mud Lake

31	5
31	6
31	19
31	26
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31	52
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31	213
31	232
31	237
31	243

31	263
31	344
31	345
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31	355
31	360
31	361
31	363
31	7005
31	10957
31	10958
31	10959
31	10960
31	10961
31	10962
31	11335
31	11337

2. Ground Water Rights Stored In Mud Lake

31	332
31	11339
31	11429
31	11430
31	11432

3. Ground Water Irrigation Rights Delivered Through Mud Lake

31	327
31	328
31	329
31	330
31	331
31	336 B
31	337 B
31	371
31	2239
31	2265
31	2289
31	2290
31	2297
31	2310
31	2317 A
31	2317 B
31	2321
31	2332
31	2341
31	2342
31	2343

31	2344
31	2345
31	2358
31	7005
31	10965 A