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Re: Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)
Preliminary Recommendations #63-198AJ, 63-199B, 63-200B and 63-30181

Dear Mr. Steenson,

The points you made in your letter dated September 28, 2006, and in the subsequent Notice of Error for each of the above referenced water right recommendations have been addressed. I want to thank you, Dan, for the careful review you made for the value added that contributed to the quality of the IDWR report to the Court later this year.

You will notice at the outset on the enclosures many of the remarks or conditions formerly in Explanatory Material have been moved and associated with elements of the water right recommendations. Your attention to the Explanatory Material was well spent considering the revised descriptions of the recommendations.

The triangular parcel Darren Coon identified has been added to the boundary for NMID. The volume quantity for the Green Ranch diversion has been modified consistent with the condition in the Transfer 69594. You will notice the Total Acres for NMID has been adjusted by 28 acres to 69, 495 acres in each of the recommendations enclosed. You can expect to see the same Total Acres in each of the NMID water rights that will be recommended to the Court in December.

The recommendation for 63-30181 was modified consistent with Transfer 69594 to have a consistent statement regarding the authorized rate of flow for the Surprise Valley diversion.

I think you will find the order of the remarks consistent among the revised recommendations.

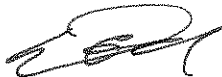
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IDWR will go forward in the recommendations with respect to the Surprise Valley place of use remark consistent with the conditions of the amended transfer taking notice of your thoughts with respect to I.C. § 43-335. The conditions in the amended transfer issued December 21, 2005, were the result of extensive review and input from NMID and are appropriate in their entirety in the recommendations to the Court.

I have enclosed the Preliminary Recommendations you received earlier with highlighting to denote the changed items noted above. The revised recommendations are correspondingly highlighted for those changes with the objective to speed the review for you and save you time.

As always, Dan, working with you results to the benefit of your client and the State for administering water rights. Thank you for doing no small part.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Shaff', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald V. Shaff, MPA
Adjudication Bureau Chief

Enclosures