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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION
FOR TRANSFER 84788 IN THE NAME
OF GROUSE CREEK RESERVE, LLC

RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGEMENT

Ronald Hansen as one of the protestants in this matter has not been receiving email notifications because incorrect email address has placed an undue burden for responding to these notifications. I would appreciate it if this could be considered as I would not have known had I not called the hearing officer for a clarification.

I am Ronald D Hansen

I am over the age of 18

I do own property with water rights affected by this transfer application.

All the water rights associated with this ranch have my name on them.

I have had 50 years of experience cleaning, maintaining, installing, repairing, and walking the system from the uppermost diversion structure of North Leigh canal. I have walked the entire 5 miles to the bottom of the system. Needless to say, I know it pretty well.

I have also helped my neighbors deliver water to their property and with irrigation of their property including the Denny Thomas property.

As for the requirements for transfer to be approved

1. The transfer will reduce the quantity of water to the property that it is decreed to and the neighboring property as well.
2. I believe it will constitute an enlargement of the original right for the purpose keeping pools and ponds full for fish 2 miles east of the property that the water is decreed to.
3. My understanding of conservation of water is that an irrigation right should be used for irrigation and not be diverted to other uses.
4. The proposed transfer has already affected the local public interest. The applicant has already been diverting water as though the transfer has been approved without keeping to the stipulations of the

transfer, thus affecting the irrigation crops and pastures impacting our production. Which we can discuss at the upcoming hearing.

5. As has already been mentioned in #4, it has already affected our crops and the length of time livestock can graze on pastures. This has definitely affected the local economy.

6. I don't believe it is for municipal use.

7. The transfer definitely changes the use agriculturally! Grouse Creek Reserve has diverted the Denny Thomas decreed water through Grouse Creek and none of it has reached the Denny Thomas property since mid-July 2021.

I believe this document explains some of my concerns, among other incidences, that need to be discussed during the hearing.

Ronald D. Hansen

9-27-2021