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RE: Proposed change of water right transfer # 84788

I am submitting this protest to the requested water right transfer based on the following:

We live at 35 E 7000 N, Tetonia, ID 83452, parcel RP06N45E253050. Water flows over our property downstream from the diversion site through 2 water beds:

1. The first is a natural water bed that flows through the our NE pasture and continues under 7000 N on to the Hansen Family Trust parcel and Stephen Kitto parcels immediately north of us where livestock graze each summer.
2. The second is an irrigation ditch that flows through our SE and west pastures and continues onto the Grant Priest parcel where it is the sole source of water for livestock that grazes on that parcel.
3. Our horses rotate grazing on our three pastures and those water beds are there source of drinking water May – September.

Both water beds run just north and south of our well and that water flow is essential to the recharge of our aquifer.

If the diversion in any way impacts N Leigh Creek and any of its tributaries, it will disrupt and harm the habitat of the brook trout that have now migrated and spawn down into the SE corner of our property.

It is my understanding that the applicant wants this water right change and resulting diversions to feed water into multiple fish ponds on Grouse Creek Reserve LLC property(s). I ask that the Dept. of Water Resource do proper due diligence to determine if permits had been issued to dig these ponds, did water rights already exist prior to their construction to service them and should water rights be changed to service these ponds vs. continuing to allow the water to flow downstream from the diversion and continue to service existing livestock and agricultural endeavors.

Based on the above, I request that the water right change be denied.

Dennis D Craig

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