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WATER RESOURCES

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Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

Re: Protest of proposed changes to: IDWR Water Right 75-14463 / Application Transfer Number : 84146

Dear Idaho Department of Water Resources,

Please accept this as my letter of protest to requested changes to the above referenced water right.

This right and point of diversion also irrigates' my own irrigated land, as well as leased irrigated hay and pastureland. Most, if not all of the proposed transfer land is currently irrigated (by sprinklers) that comes from the "upper" POD 683476. To allocate additional irrigated ground from an already overlapping POD, or to continue to allow overlap land from this "lower" POD 696372 would injure myself and the other five property owners with a combined total decree rate of 3.8 cfs.

Furthermore, 78% of the proposed additional point of diversion and/or transfer, is for land that is above the irrigation ditch and POD 696372 of right 75-14463. These land Parcels i.e. L, G, M, J and K are currently being irrigated from POD 683476 "upper ditch" with sprinklers and should remain as such. The proposed change and draw from the lower POD 696372 and its subsequent ditch capacity would not be able to handle such an addition. Consequently, those of us below applicants proposed POD changes and overlap would be left with little or no water to irrigate our pastures and hay fields.

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"Applicant wishes to distribute water right acres to five separate parcels as shown in Attachment 7b. Upon transfer approval, when each parcel is sold, water right ownership changes will be filed and the water right can be split accordingly. A second existing pod is also proposed for irrigation flexibility."

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"75-14463 and 75-14146 overlap each other on Parcel K, the rights were not decreed with combined use limitations. Regardless, the 14.1 acres will remain overlapped as proposed to eliminate expansion concerns. Note, the proposed additional pod for 75-14463 is authorized under water right 75-14146."

Again, please accept this letter of protest for any changes, modifications, or additions to POD 696372 water right 75-14463.

Thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Robert Hallen