STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT No. 927

This Lease Contract ("**Lease**") is between the Idaho Water Resource Board ("**Board**"), and

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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

LESSOR: CYNTHIA CRAMER JESINGER
PO BOX 111
SUN VALLEY, ID 83353-0111

RECITALS

1. The Board is authorized under chapter 17, title 42, Idaho Code to operate a water supply bank and to contract with lessors to act as an intermediary in facilitating the rental of water.

2. The Lessor has filed a completed application to lease water rights described below into the Water Supply Bank on forms supplied by the Idaho Department of Water Resources and received by the Department on September 11, 2018.

3. The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources has reviewed the application for compliance with the Water Supply Bank rules and has approved the Lease subject to conditions listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and contracts herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **WATER RIGHTS**: The Lessor shall lease and the Board shall accept into the Bank the Applicant's water rights described as follows:

Summary of Water Rights or Portions Leased to the Bank

Water Right No.	Priority Date	Source	Diversion Rate (CFS)	Diversion Volume (AF)	Acres (AC)
37-21259	5/1/1887	BIG WOOD RIVER, tributary to MALAD RIVER	0.050	Not Stated	0.80
37-21261	11/12/1936	BIG WOOD RIVER, tributary to MALAD RIVER	0.080	Not Stated	1.70
37-21263	4/15/1971	CLEAR CREEK, tributary to BIG WOOD RIVER	0.050	Not Stated	0.80
Combined Limit Totals			**0.080**	**Not Stated**	**1.70**
Combined Lease Totals			**0.080**	**Not Stated**	**1.70**

Summary of Water Rights Elements Rentable From the Bank

Water Right	Diversion Rate (CFS)	Diversion Volume (AF)	Acres (Limited) (AC)	Rate Per Acre (CFS/AC)	Volume Per Acre (AF/AC)
37-21259	0.050	2.80	0.80	0.063	3.50
37-21261	0.080	6.00	1.70	0.047	3.50
37-21263	0.050	2.80	0.80	0.063	3.50
Combined Limit Totals	**0.080**	**6.00**	**1.70**	**0.047**	**3.50**

**** The water right elements rentable recognize diversion volumes, which are calculated based on regional headgate standards.***

SUPPORT DATA
IN FILE # 37-21259

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2. **COMPENSATION**: The Lessor shall accept and the Board shall pay compensation determined by the amount of water rented under the following rental rate during such times as the water is rented from the Bank over the term of this Lease.

   Minimum Payment Acceptable: Current Rental Rate

3. **TERM OF LEASE**: The term of this lease shall be January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023. This Lease shall bind the parties and take effect when both parties have signed it.

4. **WATER SUPPLY BANK CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE**: The Lessor shall abide by all terms and conditions contained in the Water Supply Bank Conditions of Acceptance, attached hereto as "Attachment A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

5. **CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT:** This lease specifies water right elements including but not limited to: diversion rates; diversion volumes; number of acres authorized to be irrigated; places of use; points of diversion; beneficial uses; and seasons of use. During the term of this lease, if a water right is administratively changed due to a water right split and renumbering, this lease may be reduced by an equal amount to reflect the water right elements as legally defined under the water right. If a lease contract cannot be reduced sufficient to reflect the legal definition of a water right as amended through a water right split and/or water right transfer, the Board may release the water right from the Water Supply Bank.

6. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** This lease is between the Board and the Lessor, who is the recognized owner or designated representative of the recognized owners of water rights described herein. Should ownership of any part of a water right herein described change during the term of this lease, either through a water right split, a water right transfer, sale of property to which the water right is appurtenant, or through any other recognized water right reassignment, the lease benefits and obligations to the conditions of acceptance for any such water rights will be assigned to the new owners.

7. **DUPLICATE ORIGINAL**: This Lease is executed in duplicate. Each of the documents with an original signature of each party shall be an original.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract on the date following their respective signatures.

LESSOR: CYNTHIA CRAMER JESINGER
PO BOX 111
SUN VALLEY, ID 83353-0111

By Cynthia Cramer Jesinger
Title _____
Date 5 March 2019

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD
322 East Front Street
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0098

By _____ Date 3/12/2019
Brian Patton, Acting Administrator
Idaho Water Resource Board

Lease approved by IDWR _____ Date 3-12-2019

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ATTACHMENT A
WATER SUPPLY BANK CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

The water rights or portions thereof leased to the bank are described as follows:

Source and Location of Point(s) of Diversion for Water Right No(s): 37-21259, 37-21261

BIG WOOD RIVER	SENE	Sec. 30	Twp 04N	Rge 18E	BLAINE County

Source and Location of Point(s) of Diversion for Water Right No(s): 37-21263

CLEAR CREEK	NWSE	Sec. 31	Twp 04N	Rge 18E	BLAINE County

Water Right	Beneficial Use	Season of Use			Diversion Rate (CFS)	Volume (AF)
		From		To		
37-21259	IRRIGATION	04/15	to	10/31	0.050 cfs	Not Stated
37-21261	IRRIGATION	04/01	to	11/01	0.080 cfs	Not Stated
37-21263	IRRIGATION	04/15	to	10/31	0.050 cfs	Not Stated
				Totals:	0.080 cfs	Not Stated

PLACES OF USE TO BE IDLED UNDER THIS LEASE: IRRIGATION

Twp	Rng	Sec	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
			NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
03N	18E	6			1.7														1.7

Total Acres: 1.7

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

1. The water rights referenced above will be rented from the bank at the current rental rate.
2. There is no rental payment to the lessor of the water right if the right or a part thereof is not rented from the bank.
3. While a right is in the bank, the lessor may not use the right without approval of the Department even if the right is not rented from the bank. Any violation of the terms of this lease may result in enforcement procedures pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-351 for illegal diversion and use of water and may include civil penalties pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1701B.
4. A right accepted into the bank stays in the bank until the Board releases it, or the lease term expires. A right may be released from the bank upon request, provided the Board approves the release. Unless approved by the Department, leased rights may not be immediately available for release.
5. While a water right is in the bank, forfeiture provisions are stayed pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-223(5).
6. Rental of water under this right is subject to the limitations and conditions of approval of the water right.
7. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of acceptance is cause for the Director to rescind acceptance of the lease.

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8. Acceptance of a right into the bank does not, in itself, confirm the validity of the right or any elements of the water right, or improve the status of the right including the notion of resumption of use. It does not preclude the opportunity for review of the validity of this water right in any other Department application process.
9. In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-248 and § 42-1409(6), all owners of water rights are required to notify the Department of any changes in mailing address or change in ownership of all or part of a water right. Notice must be provided within 120 days of the change.
10. If a water right leased into the Water Supply Bank is sold or conveyed during the lease term, and if the leased right was rented, the rental proceeds will be disbursed in the following manner regardless of any arrangements between the buyer(s) and seller(s) to the contrary:
    a. Rental payments will go to the lessor(s) of record at the beginning of the rental season, even if the Department processes a Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership during the rental season.
    b. New lessor(s) of record will receive payment for any subsequent rental seasons.
11. The water rights are leased to the bank subject to all prior water rights and shall be administered in accordance with Idaho law and applicable rules of the Department of Water Resources.
12. Use of water under these rights will be regulated by a watermaster with responsibility for the distribution of water among appropriators within a water district. At the time of this approval, these water rights are within State Water District No. 37.
13. These rights, when combined with all other rights, shall provide no more than 3.5 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the lands in the place of use whenever sprinkler methods of irrigation are used.
14. The rights listed below are limited to a total combined diversion rate of 0.08 cfs for the irrigation of a combined total of 1.7 acres. Combined Right Nos.: 37-21259, 37-21261, and 37-21263.
15. Lease place of use property is also known as Lot 1, Gimlet Corner.
16. The use of water for irrigation under water right 37-21261 may continue to as late as October 31, provided other elements of the right are not exceeded. The use of water after September 30 under this remark is subordinate to all water rights having no subordinated early or late irrigation use and a priority date earlier than the date a partial decree is entered for this right.
17. A measuring device of a type approved by this Department shall be maintained as a part of the diverting works.

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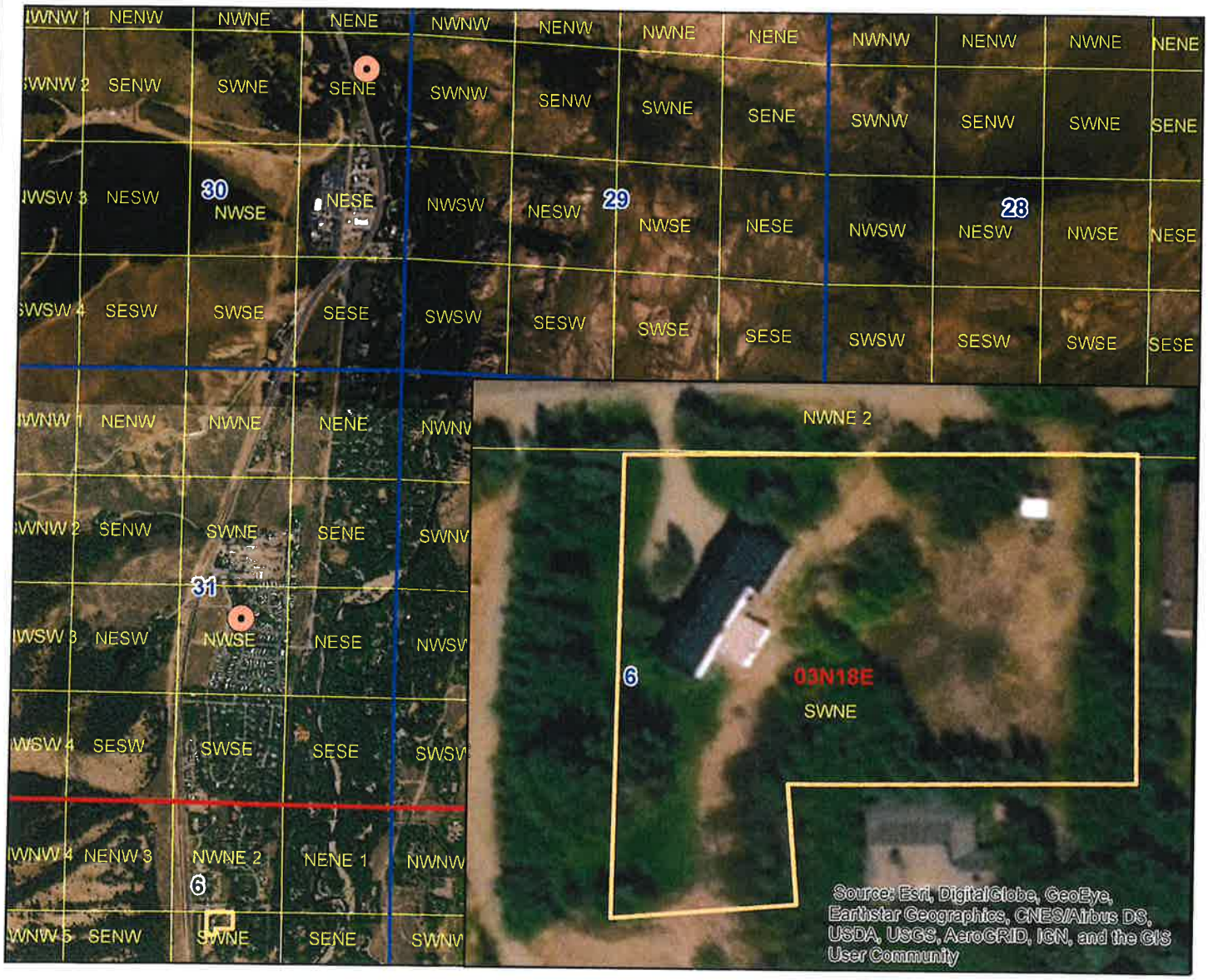
37-21259, 37-21261 & 37-21263
Effective until December 31, 2023

This map depicts the**point of diversion for the water rights listed above** pursuant to the lease contract and is attached to the contract solely for illustrative purposes.



- Approved Lease Point of Diversion
- Approved Lease Place of Use
- Township/Range
- Sections
- QQ

0 1,000 2,000 Feet

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Form 42-1761-1 10/15

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STATE OF IDAHO
WATER RESOURCE BOARD

APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK

Designated Applicant Cynthia Cramer Jesinger
(Select one owner – see item 1A on the application)

Water Right No. 37-21261
(One water right per application)

Is this application being submitted with a rental application as a lease/rental package? **Yes** ☑ **No** ☐

This application must be prepared in accordance with the minimum requirement checklist below. Use this checklist to ensure all necessary documentation has been provided. This checklist is part of the lease application and must be included with the lease application. **Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements will not be processed and may be returned or denied.**

MIMUMUM REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

All items must be checked as either *Attached* (Yes) or *Not Applicable* (N/A)

	Yes	
	☑	Completed *Application to Sell or Lease a Water Right to the Water Supply Bank.*
	☑	Application filing fee of $250.00 per water right. If you are submitting more than one lease application and the water rights have an overlapping, common place of use, or a common diversion rate or volume, the total fee for all water rights is $500.00. For places of use, multiple water rights must be used to irrigate the same lands in order to qualify for the joint filing fee. Individual filing fees are required for water rights that share a common permissible place of use but which cover separate acres within the permissible place of use.
	☑	Confirmation this form has been printed **single sided**, per requirement of the Water Supply Bank.

Attachment	N/A	Yes	
1A	☑	☐	Signatures and contact information for ***all owners*** of the water right to be leased or sold on this application.
1B	☐	☑	An Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-9 for the Designated Applicant.
1C	☑	☐	*Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership* form (accessible from www.idwr.idaho.gov).
1D	☑	☐	Contact information for an authorized representative and documentary proof they are authorized to represent the Designated Applicant on this application. If the Designated Applicant is a business, partnership, municipality, organization or association, include documents identifying officers authorized to sign or act on behalf of the entity.
2	☑	☐	Description of a water right portion offered to the Water Supply Bank.
3	☐	☑	A map that clearly outlines the specific location where irrigated acres will be dried up, or where a beneficial use of water will be suspended. You have the option of printing a map using the map tool on IDWR's website at: www.idwr.idaho.gov.
4A	☑	☐	Written consent from irrigation district or water delivery company.
4G	☐	☑	Evidence demonstrating the water right has not been forfeited pursuant to Section 42-222(2), Idaho Code.

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Fee Amount $ 500	Received By: AW	Date Received: 9/11/18	Receipt # C105635
W-9 received? Yes ☑ No ☐	(Route W-9 to Fiscal)	Name on W-9: Cynthia Cramer Jesinger	

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APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT
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1. CONTACT INFORMATION

A. This application must be completed by a Designated Applicant who is a current owner of the water right being sold or leased to the Water Supply Bank. If there are additional current owners, those individuals must authorize the Designated Applicant to represent them on this application by completing and signing Attachment 1A of this application package.

Designated Applicant Cynthia Cramer Jesinger

Mailing Address P. O. Box 111 (Street) Sun Valley (City) Idaho (State) 83353 (Zip Code)

Email Address cindyjesinger@gmail.com Phone Number 208 720 6658

☑ The Designated Applicant is the sole owner of the water right being sold or leased to the Water Supply Bank.

OR

☐ The Designated Applicant is representing additional water right holders who have completed Attachment 1A.

B. Has the Designated Applicant submitted an IRS Form W-9 to this Department within the last 2 years? Yes ☐ No ☑
If no, complete the form and attach to this application (Attachment 1B).

C. Are all applicants on this form listed in IDWR's records as the current owners of the water right? Yes ☑ No ☐
If no, attach a *Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership* form along with the required documentation and fee (Attachment 1C).

D. Is this application being completed by an authorized representative of the Designated Applicant? Yes ☐ No ☑
If yes, representatives (includes employees of Designated Applicant companies) must complete this section and submit documentary proof of their authority to represent the Designated Applicant (Attachment 1D).

Name of Representative _____ Organization _____

Professional Title _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone Number _____

☐ Send all correspondence for this application to the representative and not to the Designated Applicant.

OR

☐ Send original correspondence to the Designated Applicant and copies to the representative.

2. DESCRIPTION OF WATER RIGHT OFFERED TO THE BANK

☑ The full water right is being offered to the Bank.

OR

☐ A part of the water right is being offered to the Bank.
If a portion of the water right is being offered, **complete Attachment 2**.

3. MAP

Attach a map of the point(s) of diversion and place(s) of use proposed to be idled by this lease application. Make sure the idled place of use is outlined and annotated with legal land descriptions (Township, Range, Section and Quarter-Quarters) or with GPS coordinates. For irrigation purposes, mark the number of acres you desire to idle. If the water right proposed for lease is located within a permissible place of use (PPU) and portions of the PPU will continue to receive water from non-leased water rights, clearly outline on a map the acres within the PPU that will continue to be irrigated, as well as acres that will be idled during the lease term. Label the map **Attachment 3**.

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APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT
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4. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Is the diversion works or system owned or managed by an irrigation district or water delivery company? Yes ☐ No ☑
If yes, provide written consent from the company, corporation or irrigation district authorizing the proposed sale or lease (Attachment 4A).

If your water right is delivered through a canal, lateral or ditch operated by a canal company, irrigation district, or similar delivery entity, your lease request must include written consent from the company, district, or similar entity for your removal of water from its system pursuant to Section 42-108, Idaho Code and IDAPA WSB Rule 37.02.03.25.02e.

B. Please provide a description of the current water diversion and delivery system.

Water was historically diverted out of the Comstock Ditch to the place of use; Gimlet Corner, Lot 1 & Aspen Hollow Subdivision Lot 19A.

C. Describe any other water rights used for the same purpose at the same place of use as the water right being offered to the Bank. A domestic well and water rights 37-21259 and 37-21263.

D. Are any of the water rights identified in Section 4C stacked with the water right proposed for lease? Yes ☑ No ☐

Stacked water rights are used together to achieve a common beneficial use, such as irrigation of the same lands. Stacked water rights cannot be separated and must be jointly leased to the Water Supply Bank. Stacked water rights qualify for the multiple fee payment of $500.

E. Will the present place of use continue to receive water from any other source? Yes ☑ No ☐

If yes, explain the relationship between the different water sources and how enlargement of the authorized use will not occur if this water right is leased. Domestic well and/or 37-21263, a water right from Clear Creek, a different source.

F. Identify annual volumes and/or rates of water diverted in the last 5 years to accomplish the beneficial use authorized by this water right. None. They have been in the bank.

G. Has any portion of this water right undergone a period of five or more consecutive years of non-use? Yes ☑ No ☐

If yes, describe the circumstances and attach evidence to demonstrate how the water right has not been lost through forfeiture (Attachment 4G). See Section 42-223, Idaho Code for exceptions to forfeiture. Your application may be denied if forfeiture concerns are not addressed. It has been in the bank

H. Is this water right involved in any other IDWR process, such as an application for transfer or a mitigation plan?
If yes, describe. Yes ☐ No ☑

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APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT
(Continued)

5. SALE/LEASE AGREEMENT

A. Is the water right, or portion thereof, offered to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) for sale ☐ or lease ☑?
If lease, specify the years when the use of water will be suspended: 2019 (Year) to 2023 (Year), (maximum lease period 5 calendar years).

B. Show the minimum payment acceptable to the seller/lessor. The minimum payment may be shown as the "current rental rate" as established by the IWRB. Include the method of determining the minimum payment if other than the current rental rate.
Current rental rate.

I hereby assert that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and that I have the authorities necessary to offer this water right for sale or lease to the Idaho Water Resource Board.

The Designated Applicant acknowledges the following:

1. Payment to the Designated Applicant is contingent upon the sale or rental of the water right from the Bank.
2. While a water right is in the Bank, the seller/lessor of the water right may not use the water right, even if the water right is not rented from the Bank.
3. A water right accepted into the Bank stays in the Bank until the Designated Applicant receives written confirmation from the Board or Water Supply Bank that the water right has been released from the Bank.
4. While a water right is in the Bank, forfeiture is stayed.
5. Acceptance of a water right into the Bank does not, in itself, confirm the validity of the water right or any element of the water right.

Cynthia Cramer Jesinger	Cynthia Cramer Jesinger	September 10, 2018
Signature of Designated Applicant	Printed Name	Date
Signature of Authorized Representative	Printed Name	Date

Mail to:
Idaho Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0098

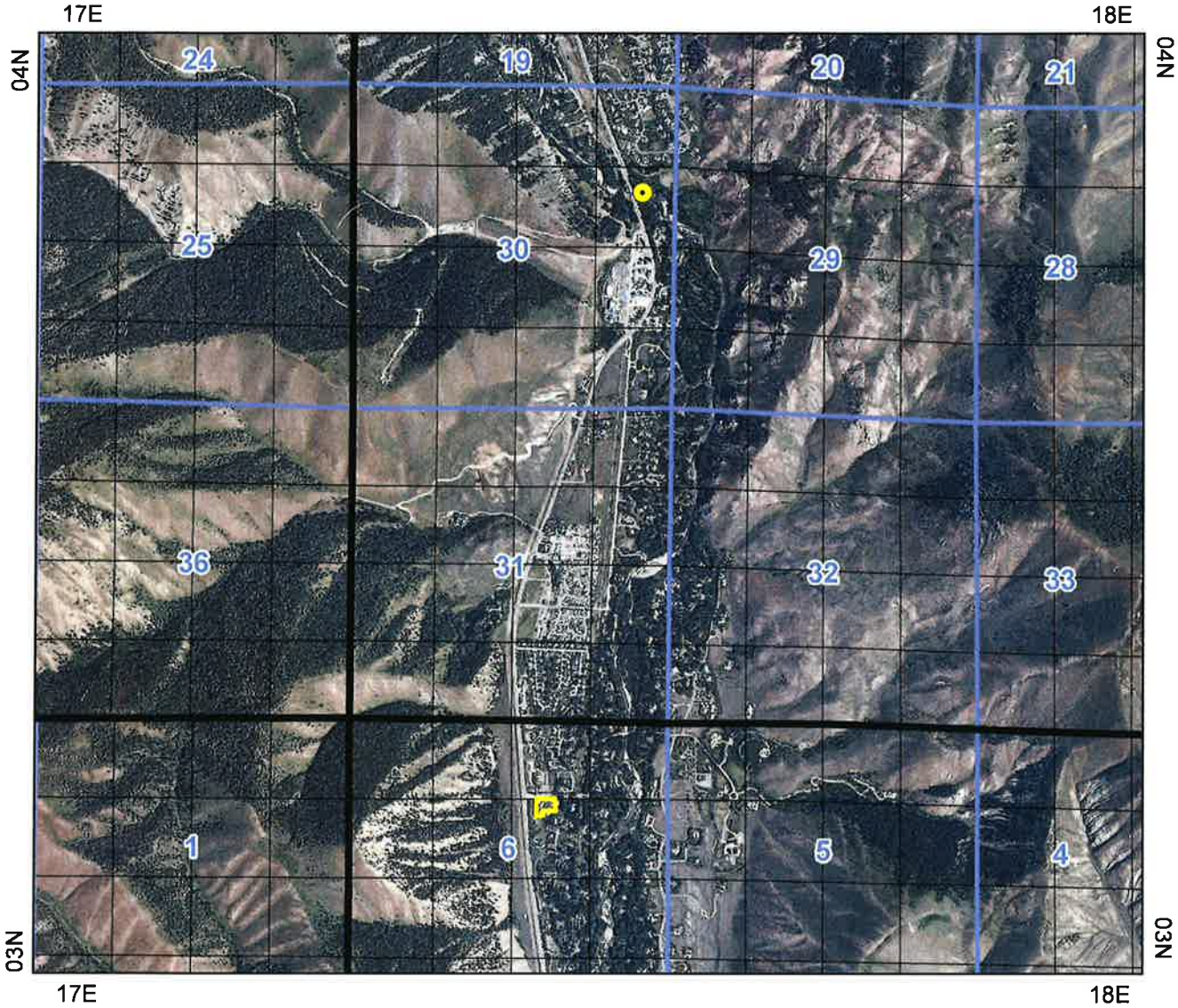
ATTACHMENT 3

State of Idaho
Department of Water Resources

Water Right
37-21259

IRRIGATION

The map depicts the place of use for the water use listed above and point(s) of diversion of this right as currently derived from interpretations of the paper records and is used solely for illustrative purposes. Discrepancies between the computer representation and the permanent document file will be resolved in favor of the actual water right documents in the water right file.



Point of Diversion
Place Of Use Boundary
Townships
PLS Sections
Quarter Quarters

0 0.35 0.7 1.4 Miles

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Map produced on May 17, 2018

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Governor

GARY SPACKMAN
Director

March 12, 2019

CYNTHIA CRAMER JESINGER
PO BOX 111
SUN VALLEY ID 83353-0111

RE: WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT 927
FOR WATER RIGHTS 37-21259, 37-21261, and 37-21263

Dear Lessor:

Water rights **37-21259, 37-21261, and 37-21263** were leased into the Water Supply Bank (Bank) as of September 11, 2018, in accordance with the enclosed executed lease contract. **Your water rights, as described on the lease contract, are considered leased into the Bank and should remain unused until they are formally released from the Bank**. More information and further restrictions placed on your water rights while leased can be found in conditions of acceptance of the lease contract. Read the conditions of acceptance carefully.

The rights will automatically be released from the Bank on **December 31, 2023,** unless the rights are released earlier by the Water Resource Board (Board). On behalf of the Board, the Department of Water Resources (Department) can evaluate an early release of the lease contract upon your request. To release the water rights from the Bank prior to the release date, submit a written request on the *Request to Release a Water Right from the Bank* form. This form is available on our public website at www.idwr.idaho.gov. **Please note your water rights may not be available for immediate release if they have been rented or are being considered for a future rental. Furthermore, it is at the discretion of the Department whether or not a water right can be released early from a lease contract.**

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at 287-4800.

Sincerely,

for Water Supply Bank

Enclosure: Executed Lease Contract

c: Corey Skinner - IDWR Southern Region
Kevin Lakey – Water District 37

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February 26, 2019

CYNTHIA CRAMER JESINGER
PO BOX 111
SUN VALLEY ID 83353-0111

RE: APPLICATION TO LEASE WATER RIGHTS 37-21259, 37-21261, and 37-21263 TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK - CONTRACT 927

******TIME SENSITIVE RESPONSE REQUIRED*****

Dear Applicant:

The Department of Water Resources has completed its review of your application to lease the above-mentioned water rights to the Water Supply Bank. **I have enclosed two original Water Supply Bank Lease Contracts for your review and signature**. **Please sign and return ALL Lease Contracts within 14 days**. Upon signature and return of the contracts, the Department will also sign the original contracts and return an executed copy to you. The Lease Contract is not considered final until you and the Department have both signed.

The rights will automatically be released from the Bank on **December 31, 2023,** unless the rights are released earlier by the Board, or upon your request. To release the rights from the Bank prior to the release date, submit a written request on the Request to Release a Water Right from the Bank form. To propose a new lease period, submit a new Application to Sell or Lease a Water Right to the Water Supply Bank form along with applicable fees to the Department. These forms are available from any IDWR office or from our public website at http://www.idwr.idaho.gov. Please note your rights may not be available for immediate release if they have been rented.

Please review the conditions of acceptance listed on the Lease Contract, including #3 which says:

> "While a right is in the bank, **the lessor may not use the right** without approval of the department even if the right is not rented from the bank. Any violation of the terms of this lease may result in enforcement procedures pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-351 for illegal diversion and use of water and may include civil penalties pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1701B."

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at 287-4800.

Sincerely,

for Water Supply Bank

Enclosures: Proposed Lease Contracts
Receipt # C105635

MEMORANDUM FOR CONTRACT # 927

To: Water Right(s) 37-21259, 37-21261 and 37-21263

From: Remington Buyer

Date: January 31, 2019

Re: Review & Analysis of Application to Lease Water Rights to the Water Supply Bank

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PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: Applications to lease the above three water rights to the Water Supply Bank were received on September 11, 2018. These leases are effectively a continuation of lease contract 473, which expired at the end of 2018. Companion rental application number 1178 was also submitted with the leases. This memo addresses the water right leases.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Application was submitted by Cynthia Jesinger who is the water right and property owner. No concerns about authority to file.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: All three water rights were decreed in September 2012 and then leased to the Bank in 2014, where they have remained since. No concerns about water right validity.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: Water rights 37-21259 and 21261 authorize diversions from the Big Wood River, while water right 37-21263 authorizes diversion from Clear Creek, a tributary of the Big Wood River. Conditions on water right 37-21261 acknowledge that it is senior to other irrigation water rights that are not based on water "saved" from the Rockwell By-Pass. The Rockwell By-Pass is located off the Broadford Slough, near Hailey, downstream of the lease location. Because the conditions acknowledge water right 37-21261 is senior to Broadford Slough water rights, and because the lease will in effect result in additional water being carried in the Big Wood River, no injury is anticipated via the lease of water right 37-21261, nor the lease of water rights 37-21259 and 37-21263.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: The leased irrigation place of use is also serviced with ground water right 37-12078, which authorizes diversions of 0.04 cfs for domestic purposes, and 0.02 cfs for stock watering purposes. Idaho Code 42-111 recognizes two diversion rates for "domestic" use:

1) a rate of 0.02 cfs (13,000 gallons per day) for homes, camps, livestock and irrigation of up to 0.5 acres; and
2) a rate of 0.04 cfs (and a maximum of 2,500 gallons per day) for any other use.

A simple reading of 42-111 suggests water right 37-12078's 0.02 cfs authorization for stock watering is consistent with the first type of domestic water use (up to 13,000 gpd), while the 0.04 cfs domestic authorization would be consistent with the second type of water use, which does not specifically authorize irrigation, and which is limited to 2,500 gpd. As such, domestic water right 37-12078 may not authorize irrigation of 0.5 acres and enlargement might occur if the leased place of use continued to be irrigated while water rights 37-21259, 37-21261 and 37-21263 were leased to the Bank.

Acknowledgement of the above is relevant because the applicant has indicated that they intend to continue irrigating during the period of the lease (albeit, through a rental of Clear Creek water right 37-21263). Effectively, the purpose of the lease is to protect water rights 37-21259 and 37-21261 from forfeiture, since Big Wood River water is no longer diverted into and delivered via the Comstock Ditch. Because the Big Wood River and Clear Creek rights are combined

(stacked) together, it seems appropriate to lease all three of them into the Bank together (and to then rent back the Clear Creek water rights at the place of use), to avoid unstacking the three water rights while at the same time ensuring protection against forfeiture for water rights 37-21259 and 37-21261.

As such, in acknowledgement that irrigation will continue under the Clear Creek water right, through rental application 1178 (and not specifically from diversions of ground water under domestic water right 37-12078) no enlargement is anticipated via the lease (and contingent rental) of these three water rights.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST: Review staff has no information to suggest this application is inconsistent with the local public interest.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES: The rental appears consistent with the conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS: The lease/rental location is within Water District 37 and IDWR's Southern Region. Subject to favorable comments from WD 37 and IDWR Southern Region, it is recommended this lease be approved.