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Re: RAFN Application Rules

Dear Bob:

This letter is in response to your letter dated August 5, 2017 in which you propose the inclusion of eleven Public Water Supply (PWS) providers, whose service area overlaps with the proposed Remington Water District future service area.

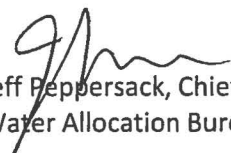
In your letter, you suggested that since existing small PWS providers located within the Remington Water District proposed future service area are short of water for future build out, and are therefore likely uninterested in future expansion, it would be appropriate to include those existing PWS provider areas within the Remington future service area (while subtracting their existing water rights from the future demand required by the Remington Water District).

Idaho Code §42-202B (8) states, "Reasonably anticipated future needs shall not include uses of water within areas overlapped by conflicting comprehensive land use plans." We understand that some if not all of the eleven PWS providers you list may not have well-defined comprehensive land use plans, but rather service specific areas under their existing water rights. However, the Department requires some confirmation that those PWS providers do not have planning documents that would extend beyond their existing service areas. Without such confirmation, the Department cannot ascertain if the Remington Water District proposed future service area will conflict with other PWS system plans.

It may be logistically and economically prudent to incorporate the various PWS systems with the Remington Water District. As such we recommend that the Remington Water District collaborates with the various PWS providers to conclusively determine whether they would like their existing water supply systems incorporated with the Remington Water District. The collaboration effort should include areas that are adjacent to existing PWS systems, and poised for development that is likely to occur within the established planning horizon.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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cc: Doug Jones, IDWR Northern Region