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Eastern Region

November 18, 2016

James Cefalo
Idaho Department of Water Resources
900 North Skyline Drive, Suite A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718

Re: T6 West Farm Transfer

Dear Mr. Cefalo:

MPH Farms LLC is proposing to transfer a 35.5 acre portion of 35-8932 and a 23.8 acre portion of 35-2306 and 35-8197. The new POU will be irrigated utilizing wheel lines. Existing wells will be used as the new PODs. The ownership of the water rights will not be changing, the beneficial use and period of use will not be changing with this transfer.

A variable rate irrigation (VRI) pivot package will be installed on the existing pivot that is currently being irrigated by 35-8932. The VRI package will allow the pivot nozzles to be turned off as the pivot travels over rock piles or unproductive soil that has historically been irrigated. This irrigation application will greatly increase the efficiency of irrigation on this farm and allow an increase of crop production.

ESPA model analysis was performed on the 23.8 acre portion of the transfer. No mitigation is required based on the ESPA Model transfer analysis tool. No ESPA model analysis was performed for the 35.5 acres because the current POD for water right 35-8932 is in an adjacent ESPA model cell to the proposed PODs.

A spreadsheet of historical pumping volumes based on data downloaded from the WMIS database are attached to this letter. The historical pumping volumes indicate that water rights 35-2306 and 35-8197 have been used fully to irrigate the maximum allowed acres under these water rights.

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Please copy our office on all correspondence regarding this application.

Sincerely,



Greg Sullivan, M.S., Engineer

Enc: Transfer Application, Aerial Maps, ESPA Model Analysis, WMIS Historical Volume Spreadsheet