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State of Idaho Department of Water Resources
ATTN: Jean Hersley, Technical Records Specialist II
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RE: Application for Transfer of Water Rights-Transfer No. 80588 (Water Right Nos. 73-10005, 73-11981, 73-11982, 73-11987 and 73-11993) and Transfer No. 80589 (Water Right Nos. 73-91 & 73-11980) Bar G Farms Enterprises – Billy Gydesen & Rivers Gydesen – Various Springs (warm & cold), Little Mud Creek, tributaries to the Pahsimeroi and Salmon Rivers

Dear Jean:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Department) has reviewed the above referenced Applications for Transfer of Water Rights by Bar G Farms Enterprise (Billy and Rivers Gydesen) (Applicant). The purpose of this transfer (TR No. 80588) is to update the PODs (Point of Diversion) to the correct QQ (Quarter Quarter) and to change the POUs (Point of Use) to reflect current irrigation practices and proposed new irrigation practices. The additional applicant for transfer (TR No. 80589) is proposing a change in the POU for WR-73-91 and 73-11980. We are very familiar with water use and the aquatic habitat conditions of Little Mud Creek. The Department has spent considerable time and financial resources with many collaborative partners monitoring and improving anadromous and resident fish populations in both the Pahsimeroi and the Upper Salmon River basins.

Both these Transfers are in conjunction with an ongoing effort to update the Bar G Farms Water Rights. The project goal is to update the PODs and POUs to reflect current and proposed future irrigation practices.

Based on the nature of these Transfers, the Department has no additional comments pertaining to these applications. If you have any questions, please contact the Region's Environmental Staff Biologist, Jeff Richards at (208) 756-2271.

Sincerely,

Tom Curet
Regional Supervisor

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cc: Bar G Farms Enterprise; Billy & Rivers Gydesen (Applicant)

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