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January 11, 2016

RICK PHILPS
H-C63 BOX 1631
25033 N HIGHWAY 93
CHALLIS ID 83226

RE: Water Right Transfer 79853, Water Rights 72-2134 and 72-13B

Dear Mr. Philps:

Please find enclosed a water right transfer application that you submitted to our office last February. The application is being returned because the transfer proposes to change the source of each right to a source which is not hydraulically connected, and therefore the transfer cannot be processed.

As I have indicated in previous communications, an alternate option may be to file an application for permit for your new pivots, as Basin 72 is still open for new appropriations. It is possible that rights 72-2134 and 72-13B could be leased into the Water Supply Bank, protecting them from forfeiture. For more information on the Water Supply Bank you can visit their website at: <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/water-supply-bank/overview.html> or contact them by phone at 208-287-4918.

I have contacted the State office to initiate a refund of the \$740.00 that you submitted with your application and you should receive it by mail in the near future.

If I can be of any assistance, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Bitzenburg'.

Jim Bitzenburg
Water Resource Agent

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Enclosure