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Department of Water Resources
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Transfer Application No.: 79498

Water Right No(s): 36-2338

Transfer Applicant's Name:

NORTH SNAKE G.W.D.
152 E MAIN ST
JEROME, ID 83338

MAGIC VALLEY G.W.D.
PO BOX 430
PAUL, ID 83347

SOUTHWEST IRRIGATION DIST.
137 W 13TH ST
BURLEY, ID 83318

Watermaster's Recommendation:

- a) _____ I do not oppose approval of this application.
- b) ✓ I do not oppose approval of this application if it is conditioned as follows:

See Attachment

- c) _____ I oppose approval of this application for the following reasons:

- d) _____ Additional comments:

Dated this 4th day of September, 2014

Water District No. 36-A

Frank Erwin

Watermaster's Signature

Frank Erwin

Printed Name

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Recommendation:

b. ☒ I do not oppose approval of this application if it is conditioned as follows:

- (1) Conveyance losses must be quantified between the point of diversion from Aqualife and the return point at the original discharge location at Aqualife along Billingsley Creek. IDWR must require a water measurement plan to determine losses between these points.
- (2) Install additional measuring devices at the Farmer's Box and the Curren Tunnel so that the Water Master can distinguish Rangen's mitigation water from senior water rights in the Curren Tunnel.
- (3) The Director must condition the transfer so that the Water Master can determine whether discharge water leaving the Rangen facility is to be returned to the Aqualife discharge point for diversion by downstream users below the Aqualife facility or if it can be diverted by water users along the Curren Ditch.
- (4) Reference to the "Thousand Springs Water Supply Settlement Framework" document must be removed from the transfer application because:
 - a) The document is neither part of nor essential to the transfer.
 - b) Water District 36A water right owners have not approved the document.
 - c) The actions described in the document may or may not stop the decline of spring flows.
 - d) The actions described in the document have not been implemented.
 - e) The document is still being modified and there is no guarantee that it will be completed.