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To: Idaho Department of Water Resources

From: Matthew Gardiner

Subject: Withdrawl of Water Right Transfer Protest

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I am hereby withdrawing my protest to water right transfer 78632.

I still think that it would be in the best interest of the Raft River valley if the transfer were not approved, as I think their transfer will change the already critically overtaxed water system in a significant and negative way, but I have little hope that my protest would change the decision, and the small mitigation of the damages to me offered by pinnacle were better than having the transfer approved, and getting no help at all with the damages.

To be frank, in the pre-hearing, it seemed that there was not going to be any real burden of proof placed on the party requesting the transfer, as is required by statute. The mention of studies being done seemed to be dismissed out of hand, and this did have a material effect on my decision.

Matthew Gardiner

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matthew Gardiner", written in dark ink.