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900 N Skyline Dr Ste A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

RE: Protest of Transfer application 79037

I am against the transfer of this water right for several reasons.

The two new wells in SE1/4 of Sec 19 T8S R42E are within a $\frac{3}{4}$ and 1 mile radius of two livestock wells that are crucial to our operation. In addition, one large and several smaller springs are on our property also. There is no way of knowing what impact these new wells would have on the aquifer, especially if Monsanto determined to take all 12.85 cfs from those 2 new wells. In the early 50's Monsanto's wells had a huge impact on three springs (City, Mormon, Little Spring Creek springs) that serviced Soda Springs.

I don't think a blanket water right covering all their POD's is in the best interest of the operations in the vicinity. I don't know who will monitor these wells or the measuring devices but am somewhat leery of Monsanto self monitoring them.

As there is a moratorium on drilling ag wells in this area how can industry drill wells that conceivably use so much water? Maybe we could get a permit to water 200 acres as well.

In addition this could have an impact on the city of Soda Springs ability to generate power as this aquifer supplies their needs as well as Farmers Land & Irrigation.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely;



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