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Mr. Allen Merritt, Southern Regional Manager
Idaho Dept. of Water Resources
650 Addison Ave. West, Suite 500
Twin Falls ID 83301

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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
SOUTHERN REGION

Re: Blaine County's Protest of the Walker Monroe/Tom Norris Water Rights Application (# 37-08916) on the Little Makawao Channel of the Big Wood River.

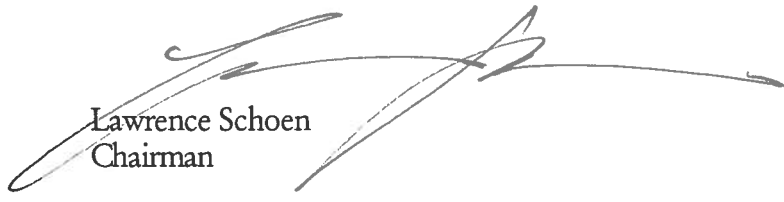
Dear Mr. Merritt,

On November 1, 2000, the Blaine County Board of Commissioners protested the above referenced application. By this letter, the Board formally withdraws its protest.

The application has been amended since 2000. Mr. Monroe is no longer an applicant. The application has been transferred to Tom Norris, a down channel user. The original application sought an additional diversion of 6 cfs from the Big Wood River. No new water diversion is being requested in this amended application. The new applicant now seeks a right for water storage in an existing pond that he proposes to expand by .09 acres. The amended application is accompanied by a permit to reduce the irrigated acreage from .5 acres to .44 acres as mitigation for the expanded pond evaporation.

With conjunctive administration and the watermaster having responsibility for administration of the metered domestic well on Lot 2B of the Little Makawao Subdivision, the proposed mitigation provision on that well's permit and the deletion of the request to expand the surface water diversion or the entrance to the Little Makawao Channel, the Board of Commissioners concludes that its pending protest is appropriate to withdraw. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please contact Tom Bergin at 208-788-5570 ext. 1104.

Sincerely,


Lawrence Schoen
Chairman

c: Dr. Charles E. Brockway