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Eastern Region

Dear Mr. Swank:

**RE: Transfer Consent: Move some acres off BLM lands
Transfer #78610, 73-00042 et. al, Big Creek Ranch, LLC**

By this letter I state that I have the authority to act on behalf of the United States, Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), with myself as its agent, to the matters discussed herein.

I understand that Big Springs Ranch, LLC filed an Application for Transfer of Water Right Nos. 73-00042, 73-00157, 73-00158, 73-02102, 73-02155, 73-07022, 73-12179 and 73-12180 on May 8, 2013. This transfer seeks to make the following changes:

- Reduce the number of acres in the SWNE, S20, T14N, R22E (BLM) from 11.0 to 6.4 acres.
- Reduce the number of acres in the NESE, S20, T14N, R22E (BLM) from 13.0 to 12.0 acres.
- Move 29 acres off of BLM land in the SWNE, S21, T14N, R22E (BLM).

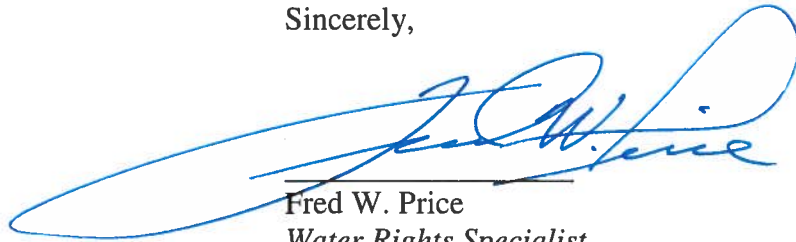
On page 3 of 18 of the transfer application the 5.9 acres described in the SWNE, S20, T14N, R22E should contain an asterisk signaling the legal land description describes BLM land.

I understand that because there are 3 legal land descriptions that describe BLM land, IDWR needs consent from BLM in order to proceed with the transfer. Although the transfer doesn't expressly state this, it is the intent of the transfer that any water claims describing BLM land (SWNE or NESE, S20, T14N, R22E) will remain in BLM's name at the conclusion of the transfer. With regard to the SWNE, S21, T14N, R22E, the acres of water within this place of use are being moved off of BLM land entirely.

On behalf of the United States and the U.S.D.I., BLM, I hereby provide the consent necessary to facilitate the transfer. The United States' non-opposition to the application for transfer does not represent recognition by the United States of the claim elements nor their validity.

If there are questions regarding any statements above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (208) 373-3831 or at the address provided above.

Sincerely,



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