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**From:** Rex Barrie [waterdistrict63@qwestoffice.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2013 7:51 AM  
**To:** Palmer, Cherie  
**Subject:** RE: Burnett Acres WSB application

Cherie,

I am not sure if the Boise Project will allow "Water Bank" water or not. They will allow "Rental Pool" water but here is the rub. If someone wants 50 acre feet of water the BPBC requires they match that amount for carrying loss. This means they must lease 100 af at \$17.00 per af from the water district and \$16.50 from BPBC per af.

I have about 75 af available as of today.

(I spoke with Tim Page this a.m. at Boise Project and their policy is not to allow "Water Bank" as it is too hard to track.)

Rex R. Barrie  
Boise River Watermaster

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**From:** Palmer, Cherie [mailto:Cherie.Palmer@idwr.idaho.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2013 5:43 PM  
**To:** waterdistrict63@qwestoffice.net  
**Subject:** Burnett Acres WSB application

Hello Rex,

I cc-d you on an email to an applicant who wants to rent water from the water supply bank. Essentially, these guys have water from the NYID and want to make up for the cut in water by renting water from the water supply bank in the amount of 21 af (but they probably will have to rent out 155 af pursuant to the water rights that are available). They are irrigating 54 acres in a subdivision but, as I stated in my last email, they ultimately will be short from the bank. In case they wanted to proceed I wanted to make sure I gave you the chance to comment on their proposal.

Also, I heard that there still might be rental pool water available still so they might contact you. If you have concerns about the rental please let me know. Thanks!

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**From:** Palmer, Cherie  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2013 10:17 AM  
**To:** Skaggs, Pam; Knowles, Corbin; Keen, Shelley; Hemenway, Sandy; Van Dyke, Nick  
**Subject:** Boise Project Board of Control and WSB Water

Hello,

Earlier this season we had a gentleman, Mr. Mussel, applied for a WSB rental of Boise River water. The idea was to deliver the Boise River water through the Wilder Irrigation District. The rental that could possibly fulfill this right had a point of diversion near the Diversion Dam at Lucky Peak, rights 63-161BN and 63-31833, and the water would have been delivered many miles downstream using the canal. In order to complete his application, Mr. Mussel must have written confirmation from the Boise Project Board of Control (Board) that they would deliver his water for him. Tim Page of the Board told Mr. Mussel that he would not deliver the water because of the accounting nightmare this would have turned into. The application was not completed and end of story.

At the end of May I had another applicant, Burnett Acres, apply for the same exact scenario, except the applicant wanted the water to be delivered through the New York Canal (they already have New York Water but they wanted to supplement the water as they are only getting 1.4 af/acre). I proposed to use the same water rights as above to fulfill the rental. I told the applicant that they needed written confirmation from the Board that they would deliver their water and to my surprise Tim Page said yes. Tim Page said that they will charge 50% shrinkage plus \$16.50/af delivery fee, not to mention our fees at the Bank. I got as far as asking Rex Berrie, watermaster, for comment on their proposal when it came clear that there was a misunderstanding. I believe that Tim thought Burnett was asking him to deliver "Rental Pool" water from the Boise River Pool, not WSB water. I called Tim this morning to confirm that the Board WILL NOT deliver WSB water only Rental Pool water and as of now there is only 75 af left in the Rental Pool.

Long story short, if you have a WSB application wanting water to be delivered by the Boise Project Board of Control (Big Bend Irrigation, Boise-Kuna Irrigation, Nampa-Meridian Irrigation, New York Irrigation, and Wilder Irrigation) deny it immediately as the Board will not deliver the water for the water user. You may refer them to Rex Barrie to see if Rental Pool water is available, although the outlook is not good.

*Cherie*