



April 4, 2013

James Cephalo
IDWR Eastern Region Office
900 N. Skyline Dr., Suite A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Subject: Applications for Transfer (2)

Dear James,

Enclosed on behalf of Big Creek Ranch, LLC (BCR) are two applications for transfer which reflect changes on two separate ranch properties in the Pahsimeroi Valley: Big Creek Ranch and Sulphur Creek Ranch. BCR is cooperating in conservation projects with several state and federal agencies to provide additional flow in Big Creek and the Pahsimeroi River and these projects require changes to the underlying water rights. In addition, BCR entered into agreements with the USDI-Bureau of Land Management (BLM) during the Snake River Basin adjudication which require additional changes. The results of the proposed applications are summarized below:

Big Creek Ranch:

1. BLM is a co-applicant pursuant to the stipulation which settled its protest to the BCR claims in the SRBA.
2. Portions of several water rights are moved from BLM land to BCR land.
3. 2.4 acres of water right are moved from one location on BLM land to another location on BLM land.
4. The resulting place of use is described as a permissible place of use due to the combined system used to irrigate Big Creek Ranch.
5. A 2013 place of use within the permissible place of use is described. The 2013 POU describes four pivots which will be used each year, and an irregularly-shaped area which will be irrigated in 2013 to restore native plants and natural habitat (the habitat area).
6. The irrigated habitat area may change over time. BCR recognizes the need to inform IDWR of any changes to the location of annual irrigation use within the permissible place of use.

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Sulphur Creek Ranch:

1. A new pump station in the Pahsimeroi River is proposed for re-diversion of water right 73-42.
2. A permissible place of use is described. A current place of use is described; water rights appurtenant to the permissible place of use outside the boundary of the current place of use will be placed in the Idaho Water Supply Bank.

We have estimated the filing fees based on diversion rates as follows:

Application	Diversion Rate (cfs)	Fee
Big Creek Ranch transfer	18.2	\$1,940.00
Sulphur Creek Ranch transfer	37.58	\$2,723.20

We realize this is a complicated set of applications, and have made every effort to provide the needed information. We can provide GIS data for the proposed points of diversion and various places of use upon request. Thank you very much for your consideration and assistance in this matter. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Roxanne Brown
Sr. Water Rights Specialist

Cc: Big Creek Ranch, LLC

Enclosures

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