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April 18, 2013

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RE: APPLICATION(S) TO RENT WATER FROM THE WATER SUPPLY BANK

Dear Applicant:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) acknowledges receipt of your application(s) to rent water to irrigate 21 acres from the Idaho Water Resource Board's Water Supply Bank (Bank). The Department will review your application(s) as resources allow. If the application(s) is not processed prior to the end of the proposed rental period, it will be returned to you. Please note that you are not authorized to use water without a valid water right or an approved Water Supply Bank rental agreement.

Please be advised, if your application seeks rental of water from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA), the total cost of your rental will likely include additional mitigation water required to offset the effects of the proposed change in water use.

Additionally, it is possible the requested use may be approved for subsequent years only or not at all. Filing of the rental application itself does not authorize diversion and use of water. **You are not authorized to divert any water for the purposes described in this application until you have paid the rental fee and you and the Department have both signed a rental agreement.**

Additional information about the Bank may be found on the Department's web site www.idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Field".

for
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C: Jared Harris – Baker & Harris