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Reg; Ellsworth's Water Right Application

Dear Michael,

Please find the enclosed "Application for Transfers of Water Rights" for Y Livestock Ranch. The owners of the ranch, in conjunction with The Nature Conservancy, have developed changes in irrigation infrastructure and management that we feel will maintain the current level of agricultural production on Ellsworth's Y-Livestock Ranch, while simultaneously enhancing critical fish habitat through the elimination of fish passage barriers, and improved connectivity of tributaries to the main-stem Lemhi River.

A summary of the proposed changes proposed in the application include;

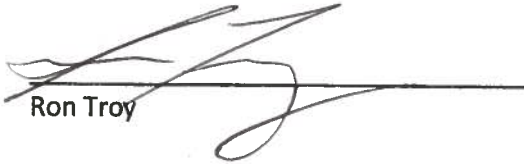
- Ellsworth Transfer - A consolidation of Y-Livestock's use of the Lemhi Big Springs Creek LBSC-05 ditch and Lemhi River L-58A irrigation ditches to the LBSC-05 irrigation ditch (allowing elimination of the L-58A diversion and ditch). Please see Exhibit A.
- No changes in the point of use are being proposed for Y-Livestock Ranch. The only change being proposed for Y-Livestock Ranch is Point of Diversion change from L-58A to LBSC-05 for 1.04 cfs of water (74-2025B).
- There has been some question as to whether or not Y-Livestock's water right 74-2025B for 1.04 cfs (June 20, 1908 priority date) should be made subordinate to other current water rights in Lemhi Big Springs Creek after transferring water from the L-58A POD to the LBSC-05 POD. It is the desire of the applicants, because more Beyeler Ranch water is being moved from the LBSC-05 POD (0.50 cfs from 74-2263 and 1.90 cfs from 74-2266) than Y-Livestock is proposing to move into the LBSC-05 POD (1.04 cfs), that the water right not be made subordinate to other water rights currently in Lemhi Big Springs Creek and that Y-Livestock retain the priority date for the water right as currently recognized. Applicant feels this is a reasonable request because the Lemhi River and Lemhi Big Springs Creek are managed as a single unit with respect to water rights and relative priority dates

Please contact Y-Livestock Ranch (Carl Ellsworth) at (208) 303-7492-cell or (208) 768-2664-home, Ron Troy (The Nature Conservancy) at (208) 220-2266-cell, or Beyeler Ranches (Merrill Beyeler) at (208) 940-0223-cell or (208) 768-2651-home, if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all of your assistance and your consideration of the proposed changes.

Best Regards,



Carl Ellsworth



Ron Troy