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**RE: LEE SUTTON MITIGATION PROPOSAL FOR WATER SUPPLY BANK RENTAL
(WATER RIGHT NOS. 22-7336 AND 22-13994)**

Dear Lyle:

Lee Sutton recently filed an application to rent water from the Water Supply Bank to irrigate 87 acres from ground water in Madison County. IDWR's Hydrology Section provided an assessment of impacts to nearby reaches using the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Model. Results indicated Mr. Sutton needs to provide 80 AF annually of mitigation water to mitigate impacts to the Heise to Shelley reach of the Snake River. The Water Supply Bank does not have adequate water to provide for this mitigation, although there is enough water to provide for the irrigation alone. Mr. Sutton has 100 AF of water in Palisades Reservoir and proposes to use 80 AF of this water as the necessary mitigation water for his rental. I spoke with Tony Olenichak this morning and he indicated this is a possibility but suggested I provide a summary of the situation and proposal in writing for Water District 01 approval. I hope this letter is satisfactory. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me at (208) 287-4907.

Sincerely,

Monica Van Bussum
Sr. Water Resource Agent

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