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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
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Dear Mr. Skinner:

**RE: Transfer Consent:
Transfer #77671, 47-17205, Brackett Ranches Limited Partnership**

By this letter I state that I have the authority to act on behalf of the United States, Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (U.S.D.I., BLM), with myself as its agent, to the matters discussed herein. I understand that Brackett Ranches Limited Partnership (Bert & Paula Brackett, General Partners), filed Transfer #77671 with your office on August 4, 2011. The transfer seeks to add an additional Place of Use (POU) to water right 47-17205 on federal public property in the following legal land description: T12S, R12E, S26, SENE.

I understand that the Idaho Department of Water Resources cannot complete such a transfer of water under a water right without the consent of the landowner where the water right describes land not owned by the transfer applicant. Attachment 1 to this letter is a Master Title Plat (MTP) for T12S, R12E. The MTP is an official business record of BLM and is the United States' official Record of Title. It is a graphic display of township survey data, and is drafted from information abstracted, compiled, and composed from the latest approved U.S. Government Survey Plats, survey field notes, and protraction diagrams. It describes the locations of United States property, aliquot parcels, and government surveyed "lots." The new POU sought in Transfer #77671 (SENE, S26, T12S, R12E) describes federal land.

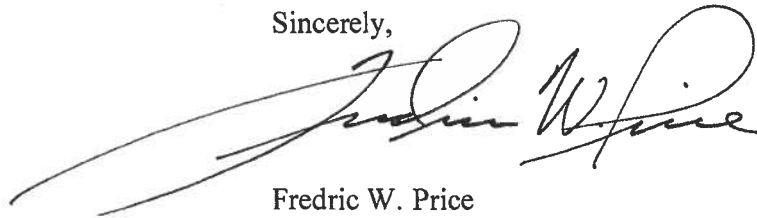
This water right is associated with a federally owned water facility known to BLM as the Conover Pipeline (Proj #6705). The authorization for this project expired on December 31, 2008, therefore the pipeline will either need to be reauthorized, removed, or absorbed into a different project, which may create a need for additional transfers in the future. The POU sought in Transfer #77671 was previously authorized. Use of this water right on public land in the future will be subject to terms and conditions of any future authorization issued by BLM.

Water transfers and federal land use authorizations seldom follow the same timelines, so in order to facilitate processing of the transfer, **BLM will not have to protest this transfer if it is approved with a condition which reads: "This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the lands of another and does not constitute approval that may be required by the United States to access federal public land."**

On behalf of the United States and the U.S.D.I., BLM, I hereby provide the consent necessary to facilitate the transfer. The United States' non-opposition to the application for transfer does not represent recognition by the United States of the claim elements nor their validity.

If there are questions regarding any statements above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (208) 373-3831 or at the address provided above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fredric W. Price", written in a cursive style.

Fredric W. Price
Water Rights Specialist

cc: Bracket Ranches Limited Partnership; 261 Devil Creek Road; Castleford Idaho 83321

