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Attached is a spreadsheet with the final year end accounting for the Grand Teton Canal Company as required in the approval for Transfer No. 76705, which allowed for the construction and filling of ponds. As you can see, there remains only one shareholder that has constructed ponds pursuant to this transfer (Huntsman Springs). As shown on the spreadsheet, they have dried up acres in order to fully mitigate for the ponds. In fact, the provided mitigation is significantly more than what is necessary.

As you all are likely aware, this was a high water year. Early in the season, there was flooding in the Teton Basin, and Grand Teton Canal Company was requested by Water District 01 and the City of Driggs to divert some of the high runoff into their canals in order to partially control the flooding. The ponds were filled during this time period. This was also the time period that water was spilling past Milner Dam, and the excess flows that GTCC diverted allowed for recharge into the regional aquifer, which is also helpful. Given the high flows, as well as the over-mitigation, this should not have had any negative impact on water supplies of the BOR or Fremont-Madison.

Given the weak economy, we do not anticipate any significant changes in 2012 in terms of new ponds that may be constructed. We anticipate that the report next year will be the same as this year.

The transfer approval also requires submission of a map to show the location of the ponds. IDWR recently made available 2011 aerial photography, and next week I am meeting with Harvey Walker to review those photos and make sure we have all of the ponds identified. This will provide you with the most up-to-date aerial photo and information on a GIS map. Once we have the map prepared, I will email it to you. We should have this to you in 7-10 days.

If you have any questions, let me know.

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