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Allen Merritt
Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Re: Water Transfer Applications for Wynn Dewsnap Family Revocable Trust

Dear Mr. Merritt,

The following information and explanation is being provided to aid in the review of these three water transfers being submitted in behalf of the Wynn Dewsnap Family Revocable Trust. The Trust owns all of the water rights identified in the transfers. The first transfer is being submitted to change the nature of use of a portion of right 43-10806 from irrigation to stockwater and commercial use. For this transfer, 4 acres currently irrigated by this right will be dried and the water will be moved to an existing feedlot identified on Attachment 7a of the transfer application. The feedlot is currently serviced by an existing domestic well. This well will serve as the point of diversion for the transferred water. There is also an existing domestic well across the street to the west of the feedlot. This well has also been listed as a point of diversion, and will serve as a backup water source for the feedlot.

The second transfer is being submitted to provide water for a proposed dairy operation. The second transfer also involves right 43-10806 and right 43-2387. 38.6 acres currently irrigated by 43-10806 and 77 acres currently irrigated by 43-2387 will be dried to provide stockwater and commercial water for the dairy operation. The existing point of diversion for right 43-10806 along with three other diversion points shown in the transfer application will serve as the points of diversion for water being transferred for stockwater and commercial use on the dairy.

The Dewsnums have purchased several smaller farms in the same area over the last several years. They now own over 5,000 acres of contiguous property, most of which is irrigated farm ground. Much of this ground has irrigation rights from Raft River or Cottonwood Creek, if and when the water is available. Rarely is water available from these sources, so the primary irrigation source for this farm ground is groundwater.

The third transfer is being submitted to change the permissible place of use of these rights to include all of the farmable acreage owned by the Dewsnums that is contiguous. This transfer will provide the Dewsnums with greater flexibility in managing their irrigation water. All possible points of diversion for these rights have been included in the transfer.

A few new places of use have been included in the transfer. These new places of use include ground that is easily irrigated with existing pivots, or good farm ground that was recently purchased without a water right. Pivots were recently installed on several fields that were formerly irrigated with handlines and wheel lines. Water that was formerly used to irrigate what have now become pivot corners, will now be used to irrigate land located within the new places of use. Also, water that was used to irrigate ground that will be taken up by the new dairy operation, which was not needed for stockwater or commercial use will be utilized to irrigate land located within the new places of use. The number of acres that have historically been irrigated under the rights included in the transfer will not be increased.

Only those portions of rights 43-10806 and 43-2387 not being transferred for stockwater or commercial use have been included in the third transfer. If you have questions regarding any of the applications, please don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustin Olsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dustin" being more prominent than the last name "Olsen".

Dustin Olsen
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