

State of Idaho
Department of Water Resources
Transfer of water right (s)

RECOMMENDATION OF WATERMASTER

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Application No. Transfer #76280
Water Right No.(s) 37-577CG and 37-657E
Applicant's Name Cottonwood Creek

Watermaster's Recommendation:

- a) I do not oppose approval of this application.
- b) ☒ I do not oppose approval of this application if it is conditioned as follows:
- c) I oppose approval of this application for the following reasons:
- d) **Additional Comment:** Since 2006 the Big Wood River has cut a deeper channel at the location where the Purdum Slough takes out of the Big Wood River. This has made it difficult to keep water in the Purdum Slough when the River Flows drop. Consequently, Senior decrees on the Purdum Slough are undeliverable when they are still being delivered on the main stem of the Big Wood River. There has been some discussion about the water right holders being able to physically dam the Big Wood River in order to keep water in the Purdum Slough when their point of diversion is listed as a point down stream in the slough. If at all possible, I would like IDWR to clarify in the conditions as to the water right holder's legal ability to change the Big Wood channel in order to get their water out of the Big Wood River.

Dated 5/9/2011

Water Districts 37 and 37M

Kevin Lakey

Watermaster Signature