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Mary A. Baldwin
Idaho Department of Water Resources
1341 Fillmore Street, Suite 200
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**RE: Application for Transfer No. 76280 and Application for Permit No. 37-22594
(Cottonwood Creek Homeowners Association)**

Dear Mary:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff has reviewed the above referenced applications for transfer and permit. It is our understanding these applications are intended to clarify existing water right descriptions and reclassify the beneficial use to recreational, aesthetic and wildlife. Additionally, it is our understanding the actions proposed do not involve additional diversion structures or water rights on the Big Wood River or its side channels. Based on this understanding, approving the applications should have no effect on fish and wildlife.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the applications. Please contact Mike McDonald, Environmental Staff Biologist, or Doug Megargle, Fishery Manager, in this office for additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

H. Jerome Hansen
Magic Valley Regional Supervisor

Cc: IDFG – Boise (Hebdon/Poole)
Ecc: R4 staff