



CUSTER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Idaho Department of Water Resources
Attention Blake Jordan
900 North Skyline Drive, Suite A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718

To Whom it May Concern,

Please find attached an application for transfer of "place of use" for a property in the Pahsimeroi Valley, Water District 73, on the BP Bar Ranch. This transfer is part of a water conservation project that has potential funding via the Custer Soil and Water Conservation District. The transfer will need to be through advertisement and completed prior to implementation of the project can begin. In addition, the Custer SWCD will work with IDWR Water Transaction program to secure an additional agreement not to divert 5cfs past the point of diversion which will include all water users on the Patterson/Big Springs Creek Diversion.

We are currently working with one of the current water users on that diversion to do a point of diversion transfer to allow his water right to be diverted out on only one of his current diversion instead of two. This transfer will be provided as soon as final paperwork has been completed for the Hatch Diversion, also on Patterson/Big Springs Creek #3.

We have discussed this project with the Department of Fish and Game in Salmon and as long as the transfer does not represent an increase in acres or expansion of the water right and that the 5cfs flow past the diversion is managed appropriately via IDWR they have verbally approved this project to proceed.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact the Custer Soil and Water Conservation District and ask for Karma Bragg. I can be reached at 208-879-4428 or by cell at 208-940-0406.

Sincerely,

Karma Bragg, Project Manager
Custer Soil and Water Conservation District