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Dear Gary Spackman;

This letter is in response to the notice of proposed change of water right Transfer No. 76779 Right No. (s) 29-53, 29-589, which was posted in the Idaho State Journal newspaper.

We object and are against any and all proposed changes to this water right transfer.

The Portneuf Reservoir-Chesterfield Reservoir was made for the purpose of storing water for irrigation and agricultural use. This storage water is beneficial and decreed to the land. Changes made to the nature of use of storage water automatically changes the criteria of the entire water system.

Some general concerns that need addressing are:

- * Where is the Federal Impact Statement for the upper and lower Portneuf and the proposed transfer changes? (Anything less would be grossly inadequate). There is too much assumption and conjecture associated with the proposed changes.
- * Where is the Federal Impact Hydrologic Statement for the upper and lower Portneuf and the proposed transfer changes? (Anything less would be grossly inadequate).
- * There is a concern with pushing water through the system all year round which deviates from the normal historical flow.
- * Effects with the Sediment discharge, TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Loads)
- * Making substantial changes and additions to an already over adjudicated water system.

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Some Symons property concerns:

- * Flooding is a huge issue to our property. Flooding caused from these proposed changes could damage our property making our land unusable and unproductive causing harm to our farming and ranching operation.
- * Changing the period of use to (1/1 to 12/31) may be an issue in the winter with normal flows altered — concerns with freezing and ice jams creating flooding.
- * Mossing the River to prevent backed up water flooding.
- * Poor river maintenance.
- * We need to have the water measured accurately before it goes into the reservoir so that the same amount of water can be discharged out of the reservoir. This was the original way it was set up when the reservoir was made.

Our farm and ranch has endured for 122 years. It was established in 1888 before Idaho became a state in 1890. We are recognized as one of the foremost Idaho Century Farms. Enclosed is our \$25.00 check for fees.

Changing the criteria to what is being proposed is too extreme for the storage water system to handle with too many variables for future problems.

Sincerely,



Lynden and Candice Symons