

State of Idaho
Department of Water Resources

RECOMMENDATION OF WATERMASTER

Application No: 37-22543 & 37-22544
Water Right No:
Applicant Name: Lava Lake Land & Livestock

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:

To mitigate for the depletion of water resulting from the initial fill of ponds constructed pursuant to permit nos. 37-12543 and 37-22544, the right holder shall idle 4.6 irrigable acres under the following combined water rights, during the year of construction of the ponds. Combined Right Nos.: 37-2545A, 37-22467, 37-2688, 37-11950, 37-22468, 37-1156, 37-22466, 37-2715, 37-11936, 37-7072, 37-7600, 37-22469.

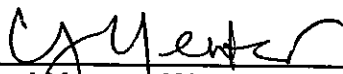
c) ☐ I oppose approval of this application(s) for the following reasons:

d) ☒ Additional comment:

The project areas encompassed by the ponds do appear to be within low-lying wetted areas, and the request to only mitigate for the initial fill of the ponds appears justifiable. Additionally, the projects appear to be fully contained in the common irrigation place of use found in recommendations for the above Lava Lake irrigation water rights. If this is the case, then mitigation might be moot altogether. However, objections were filed in SRBA and rights are not yet decreed. The SRBA reviewer (Kelly Christensen) indicates the pou is not really the target of the objections. Nevertheless, the mitigation offered is appropriate to safeguard any unanticipated changes, and the applicant should be required to follow through.

Dated: October 21, 2010

Water District 130


Cindy J Yenter, Watermaster