

State of Idaho
Department of Water Resources
Transfer of Water Right(s)



RECOMMENDATION OF WATERMASTER

Transfer Application No: 76630

Water Right No(s): 74-200 , 74-203 , 74-204 ,
74-408B , 74-408A , 74-433 ,
74-409A

Transfer Applicant's Name: JESSICA K MC NELLIS TERRY A MC NELLIS

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:

See letter

- d) ☐ Additional Comment:

Dated this 26 day of _____, 2010.

Water District No: 74G

Pat Mc Conagley
Watermaster's Signature

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To: Bob Foster, IDWR Salmon Field office, Tim Luke
Dave Carlson & James Cefalo, IDWR Eastern Region.
From: Pat McConnaghy: Water Master 74-G
373 Sandy Creek Rd.
Salmon Idaho 83467



Notification and reasons for my OPPOSAL of water rights transfer for the following water rights. Transfer application no: 76630

1. First and foremost is that the following decreed water rights have no measuring devices of any kind to show the amount of water that they are taking from the West Fork Sandy Creek water supply. This has been a major issue since I have taken over as water master and I have never heard of anyone being allowed to take water without a device of some kind to show there water usage. One excuse from the applicants for this water transfer is that there is no way to measure the water going into there pipe. This is incorrect. They could use a flow meter or other measuring device. I don't really care what kind of a device is used but they have to have one just like everyone else in district 74-G.
2. Secondly I am not clear on the water rights being able to be used for as stated (As a conveyance system?) It is my understanding that these water rights were adjudicated for agricultural use, not to make money from a power plant that runs 365 days a year using as much water as they want to do so! Without a measuring device, it is my recommendation that they be shut off until this is completed. This is the law!
3. Last but not least, I have been having to see other ranchers with water rights to West Sandy Creek suffer, due to the serious over usage of water by the applicant and have had to deal with their complaints as well, regarding this matter. In addition, I have been informed that these other water users of West Sandy Creek are hiring an attorney.

Sincerely
Pat McConnaghy

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