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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is hereby protesting Water Right **Transfer No. 69783**, filed by Sulphur Creek Livestock Co.

The BLM objects to the transfer of this water right until such time as proper analysis and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents are completed for the Upper Pahsimeroi River irrigation diversions. The BLM hopes to begin the NEPA process this summer by working with the Upper Pahsimeroi private irrigators, the Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Project and the Idaho Fish and Game to examine the diversions out of the Pahsimeroi River. The goal of the NEPA process is to improve diversion systems from the Pahsimeroi River by identifying possible consolidation of diversions to improve diversion structures for more efficient water delivery and to protect listed fish species. The BLM will also have to receive concurrence from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act before any changes are made to the Upper Pahsimeroi diversions.

The upper Pahsimeroi River diversions are located in Sections 31 and 32 of Township 12 North, Range 24 East and Sections 5 and 6 of Township 11 North, Range 24 East. Sulphur Creek Livestock Co. is proposing to move water right 73-02098 to one of these diversions. Transfer No. 69483 should be denied pending further input by the BLM.

If you have any questions you can contact Alan Bittner at (208) 756-5423 or Renee Snyder at (208) 879-6206.

Sincerely,

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