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Mr. Allen Merritt
Department of Water Resources, Southern Region
1341 Fillmore St. Suite 200
Twin Falls, ID 83301

RE: BLAINE COUNTY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TRANSFERS #5813 AND #5815

Dear Allen,

We would like to offer the following comments on the above referenced applications by Gerald Bashaw:

The request to utilize surface and groundwater laterally within the same geographic area and out of the same aquifer does not appear to be contrary to our "Local Public Interest Water Policy", as long as it does not enlarge the amount of water entitlement.

We are confident that the Department will not permit an enlargement of use and will require that both the present wells and the new wells be metered to ensure that no more water is used under the transfers than was used before them.

The County continues to advocate that all diversions, small or large, should be metered and monitored to ensure compliance with IDWR regulations against expansion of use. We ask that this be done at the new diversion sites. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Mix

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