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Re: Application #1 for Transfer of Water Right Nos. 63-3065, 63-3307, 63-8244,
63-8387 and 63-9279

Application #2 for Transfer of Water Right Nos. 63-3065, 63-3315, 63-3547,
63-3581 and 63-9279

Dear Applicant:

Your recent reply to the "transfer processing delay" related to the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) provided information for a possible temporary solution for your situation. This letter outlines that solution.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) will proceed with "preliminary processing" of your applications as follows:

1. Please review, sign, and return the enclosed acknowledgement forms.
2. IDWR will complete a cursory review of the applications and advertise them in the legal notices of the appropriate newspaper.
3. If protests are not filed against the applications, you may seek a water bank lease for one year.
4. Approval of a water bank lease would authorize the requested diversion of water from an existing point of diversion. New points of diversion cannot be authorized under a water bank lease (a new well cannot be drilled, for example).

Regular processing of your transfer applications will resume after completion of the SRBA objection period as noted in the previous IDWR letter. Regular processing might result in a need to amend the applications and might result in re-advertising in the appropriate newspaper. This can include a \$50 re-advertising fee per amended

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application. IDWR will contact you at the appropriate time if the applications need to be amended for continued processing.

Please return the acknowledgment forms to me at your earliest convenience for "preliminary processing" of your transfer application. IDWR forms and information are available on the Internet at www.idwr.idaho.gov. Please contact me at 208-334-2190 if you need more information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Lester".

Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure