

April 28, 2009

To whom it may concern

In as much as the fish and wildlife in the State of Idaho have been encroached upon already, I feel it is my duty to protest water rights transfer #75471, which appeared in the Caribou County Sun on April 16, 2009. I have been an avid adventurer to the Caribou National Forest area (including Grouse Creek and Schiess Creek) for over thirty years. I have witnessed the development plans of the applicant unfold for the past 2 years and I know what has happened to the wildlife as a result of these changes. It is my strong opinion that in allowing this transfer the Department of Water Rights Resource board will only further damage the ecosystem of this area.

I am also concerned that use of these waters for ponds will only contribute to the mosquito population in the area and diminish the progress of current mosquito abatement programs, causing bigger issues for people dwelling in the area surrounding the development.

In order to avoid the above concerns to become a catastrophic reality, it is my suggestion that the water board force the applicant to drill wells for the ponds in question, complete with an inclusive system promoting the diversion of stagnant water. This makes more sense than depleting the precious waters utilized by the fish and wildlife in the area.

Sincerely,



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