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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
SOUTHERN REGION

Mr. Allen Merritt
IDWR
1341 Fillmore, Suite 200
Twin Falls, ID 83301

RE: Idaho Ranch LLC / Application for Transfer of Water Right

Dear Allen:

I represent Idaho Ranch LLC. I have prepared and enclosed the original and a copy of an Application for Transfer of Water Right using the Department's new form. The Application merely seeks to change the point of diversion for Big Wood River water rights diverted out of the Broadford Slough by moving it approximately 1,400 feet downstream from the existing Wrencher 39 headgate to a new pumping station. Please note that Attachment 7A consists of four separate sheets, two of which are quite large. I did not include an additional set of this attachment with the copy of the Application. Finally, I have enclosed my firm's check payable to the Department in the sum of \$250.00.

Please call me right away if you have any questions or comments about this Application, particularly since it is the first one I have done using the new form!

Sincerely yours,

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James P. Speck

Enclosures

cc: Client

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCESTransfer No. 75454**APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHT
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST**

An application for transfer must be prepared in accordance with the minimum requirements listed below to be acceptable for processing by the Department. Incomplete applications will be returned. The instructions, fee schedule and water right proof report or details report for Part 2A of the transfer application are available from any Department office or on the Department's website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/>.

Check whether each item below is *attached* (Yes) or *not applicable* (N/A) for the proposed transfer. * Means the item is always required and must be included with application.

- ☒ * Completed Application for Transfer of Water Right form, Part 1.
- ☒ * Notarized signature of applicant(s) or applicant's authorized representative on first page of transfer application form. Include evidence of authority labeled Attachment #3 (see below) if signed by representative.
- ☒ * Application for Transfer Part 2A. Attach a Proof Report (obtained from Department) or Details Report (obtained on website) describing each water right in the transfer as currently recorded.
- ☐ ☐ Complete and attach an Application for Transfer Part 2B for each water right for which only a portion is proposed to be changed through this transfer application.
- ☒ * Application for Transfer Part 3A is always required (see Attachment #7a below); Parts 3B and 3C must be completed for transfer applications proposing to change the nature of use of the water right(s) or proposing changes to supplemental right(s).
- ☒ * Correct fee submitted with transfer application form. (See last page of the instructions for application for transfer.)

Attachments to Application Label each attachment with the corresponding number shown below as **Attachment #1-9**.

- ☐ ☒ #1 If the applicant is a business, partnership, organization, or association, and not currently registered in the State of Idaho as a business entity, attach documentation identifying officers authorized to sign or act on behalf of right holder. (See Part 1.)
- ☐ ☒ #2a Water Right ownership documentation if Department records do not show the transfer applicant as the current water right owner.
- ☐ ☒ #2b If the ownership of the water right will change as a result of the proposed transfer to a new place of use, attach documentation showing land and water right ownership at the new place of use. Include documentation for all affected land and owner(s).
- ☐ ☒ #3 Documentation of authority to make the change if the applicant is not the water right owner.
- ☒ ☐ #4 Power of Attorney or documentation providing authority to sign or act on the applicant's behalf. (See Part 1.)
- ☐ ☒ #5 If the transfer application proposes to change the point of diversion for a water right affecting the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA), attach the results of an ESPA analysis and a detailed mitigation plan to offset any depletions to hydraulically connected reaches of the Snake River. ESPA transfer spreadsheet and model grid labeled cells are available on the Department's website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/water/rights/>.
- ☐ ☐ #6 Notarized statement of agreement or a statement on official letterhead signed by an authorized representative from each lien holder or other entity with financial interest in the water right(s) or land affected by the proposed transfer. (See Part 1.5.b.)
- ☒ * #7a Attach a map identifying the proposed point(s) of diversion, place(s) of use, and water diversion and distribution system details as described on the application. Include legal description labels. If only a portion of the right is proposed to be changed, identify the current location of the part of the existing right(s) proposed to be changed. (See Part 3A.)
- ☐ ☒ #7b If the transfer application proposes to change the place or purpose of use of an irrigation right attach a Geographic Information System (GIS) shape file, or an aerial photo or other image clearly delineating the location and extent of existing acres and changes to the place of use.
- ☐ ☒ #8a If the transfer application proposes to change the nature of use or period of use for one or more rights, provide documentation describing the extent of historic beneficial use for the water rights proposed to be transferred and document how enlargement will be avoided. (See Part 3B.)
- ☐ ☒ #8b If the transfer application proposes to change the place of use of a supplemental irrigation right, provide documentation regarding the historic use of the supplemental right(s) and availability or reliability of the primary right(s) being supplemented, both before and after the proposed change. (See Part 3C.)
- ☒ ☐ #9 Other. Please describe: Answer to Part 1, No. 5(a) - description of the diversion system