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RECOMMENDATION OF WATERMASTER

Application No: Exchange No. 75007

Applicant's Name: Idaho Water Resource Board

Watermaster's Recommendation:

- a) X I do not oppose approval of this application.
- b) _____ I do not oppose approval of this application if conditioned as follows:

_____ No water shall be diverted under this right after June 15* of each year without prior approval of the watermaster. New rights are curtailed each year based on the water supply (seniority system). Use of a new right can continue during water shortages if the new right is mitigated with a lease of storage water from the Watermaster.

Other conditions: none

- c) _____ I oppose approval of this application for the following reasons:

- d) X Additional comments: I support this application for exchange of storage water in Black Canyon Irrigation District's space in Cascade Reservoir, with stored water in the Upper Snake River Basin, for the purpose of Eastern Snake Plan depletion mitigation. (additional comments on reverse side)

Dated this 14th day of August, 2008

Water District No: 65

Ron Shuttles
Watermaster's signature

* Watermaster provided copy of this recommendation to the applicant regarding 6/15 curtailments.

August 14, 2008

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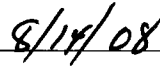
Re: Application for Exchange of Water

I am aware of the need to secure additional water in the Upper Snake River Basin for the purpose of reducing the Upper Snake Plains Aquifer depletion condition.

I do not oppose this agreement to exchange up to 2,800 acre-feet of stored water in the Payette Basin, Water District No. 65, during non critical years, to assist the Bureau of Reclamation meet their obligation for flow augmentation and in addition, allow an equal amount of water to be retained in the Upper Snake Basin Water District No. 01 and applied to mitigation purposes.

Reviewing the agreement between the US Bureau of Reclamation, Snake River Area Office and the State of Idaho, Idaho Resource Board, I am confident that injury to water supply in the Payette Basin can be avoided with the use of the terms and safeguards in the agreement. Water that is to be contributed to satisfy this exchange has been retrieved through completion of a conservation project and thus is water that has not been relied upon to serve needs in the past.

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