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Governor

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Director

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RE: Application for Transfer -WR #63-7194

Dear Applicant:

Your letter of August 16, 2005 regarding the processing of the above referenced application for transfer has been forwarded to me. I have discussed the request with your consultant Scott King, and would like also to respond to you.

As discussed in the 7/21/05 Department letter from Steve Lester, the processing of your application has been delayed. Water right #63-7194 is based on an Adjudication Claim that has been submitted in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). Processing mixed water right administrative and judicial actions produces confusion and complications. Our office will not be processing transfer applications until the objection period has expired for the lower Boise River Basin sometime in 2006.

I have discussed your and other processing requests with the Department Administration. Over the next several months, the Administration has set completing the Boise Basin SRBA as a first Department priority. Your application will be held until the SRBA objection period has expired. Our office will notify you when your application is again being processed.

We appreciate your cooperation concerning this matter. Should you have questions, please contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Westra', is written over a horizontal line.

John Westra, Manager
Western Region

cc: S. King SPF