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Idaho Department of Water Resources
Western Regional Office
2735 Airport Way
Boise, ID 83705-5082

WATER RESOURCES
WESTERN REGION

Attn: Steve Lester

Subject: Choutchourrou Transfer Application – Water Right Number 63-7194

Dear Mr. Lester,

On our behalf, SPF Water Engineering recently submitted an application to transfer a 30-acre portion of water right number 63-7194, converting the use from irrigation to stockwater for use at our dairy. Based on your recent letter, I understand that processing of this transfer is postponed for a significant time, likely until mid to late 2006, due to recent IDWR policy regarding transfers of rights pending in the SRBA.

Ben and I have been trying to sell our dairy operation for the past couple years. The transfer application was filed because a prior offer for purchase of our dairy was withdrawn due to concerns about adequate water rights for the dairy. We now have another party interested in purchasing our operation, but the potential buyers will not commit to purchase while processing of the transfer application is delayed.

It is my understanding that the water right proposed for transfer, 63-7194, has already undergone careful scrutiny due to previous transfers on portions of the right, some of which have already been approved. It therefore seems unlikely that continued processing of our application will cause any significant delay or additional effort with regard to SRBA efforts.

Delays in processing this application are imposing a significant financial hardship on our family due to our inability to sell the operation. I respectfully request that IDWR resume processing of this transfer application.

Sincerely,



Toni Choutchourrou

cc: David Tuthill, IDWR
SPF Water Engineering