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Idaho Department of Water Resources:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is hereby protesting Water Right **Transfer No. 73707**, filed by Jimmie and Marie Downton.

This transfer proposes to consolidate water under new pivots and remove Places of Use from BLM lands. However, the IDWR digital image (shapefile) still represents BLM land in SENW Township 15 North, Range 21 East, Section 20 in Custer County. Further, the pivot clearly crosses BLM land based on the aerial photo representation of Transfer No. 73707. If the pivot's course were stopped short of applying water to the BLM in the SENW of Section 20, then it would also reduce the acres irrigated in the SWNE of Section 20.

There is no authorization from the BLM for the use of land in SENW Township 15 North, Range 21 East, Section 20 in Custer County.

The IDWR digital image (shapefile) should be edited to exclude BLM land and with the course of the pivot reduced, the acres in the SWNE of Section 20 should be reduced accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Alan Bittner at (208) 756-5423.

Sincerely,

David Rosenkrance
Field Manager

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