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RECOMMENDATION OF WATERMASTER

Application No: Wood River Ranch rental of Sun Valley Ranch waterApplicant's Name: Wood River Ranch

Watermaster's Recommendation:

- a) ☐ I do not oppose approval of this application.
- b) ☒ I do not oppose approval of this application if it is conditioned as follows:

Refer to attached sheet

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

- d) ☐ Additional Comment: _____

Dated this 10 day of May, 20 07Water District No: 37

[Signature]
Watermaster's Signature

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WATER DISTRICT NO. 37 & 37 M

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Re: Wood River Ranch rental of Sun Valley Ranch water from the Water Bank

May 10, 2007

The Sun Valley Ranch water that is being placed in the Water Bank has historically been delivered through what is known as the Extension By-Pass. The Extension Bypass allows water to be delivered to the Sun Valley Ranch without suffering large losses in a losing reach of the Big Wood River. If this water is delivered to the Graff 62 diversion, the water must be turned out of the Extension By-Pass at the 57-F divide and run down the dry river channel for approximately a ½ mile. To deliver these senior rights at Graff 62, I am concerned that junior rights will suffer greater curtailment than with usual delivery out of the Extension By-Pass. It appears that this water season is going to be extremely limited already. To deliver these rights in this manner would only exacerbate the situation.

Another point that must be addressed is the Coffin Decree water also known as "saved water". This water was developed or "saved" when the Extension By-Pass was built and put into use. Some water must remain in the Extension By-Pass or the "saved water" rights would be destroyed. This is less of an issue, because Wood River Ranch also has a diversion out of the Extension By-Pass and should continue to call for water in the Extension By-Pass.

In conclusion, I would go along with this rental if Wood River Ranch would accept the 57-F divide as their point of diversion for this water or at least accept the point where the water is reinjected back into the dry river channel. Such a compromise would require the Wood River Ranch to share in the delivery losses along with junior users who would suffer greater curtailment due to this transfer.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lakey
Watermaster, Districts 37 & 37M