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Director

City of Jerome  
ATTN: Travis Thompson  
152 East Ave A  
Jerome, ID 83338

RE: App For Transfer 72803

Dear Travis;

This is the "officially approved" version of the letter I recently sent you. Please review and respond as needed.

After reviewing the above referenced transfer with our State Office staff, we have identified a potential enlargement issue that will need to be resolved before the transfer can be approved. A change in nature of use to municipal could include a variety of uses with consumptive values higher than the historic use developed under the right(s). To ensure that enlargement will not occur in the future, only the consumptive portion of the right can be transferred. To estimate the consumptive portion of the existing right based on historical use, a standard irrigation efficiency value of 70% can be used to estimate the percentage of the total volume consumed by crops. The result would be 492.8 af available for transfer.

Another option would be to retain the original irrigation use and volume with a specific place of use as currently described, or if connected to the municipal system provide an appropriate accounting plan to identify the amounts of water diverted and used for irrigation. Establishing an appropriate measurement and accounting procedure is necessary for a municipal provider to divert irrigation water into its common municipal delivery system for irrigation purposes. You would need to submit an acceptable plan prior to approval of the transfer.

Please advise me if you would like to proceed with the transfer as proposed with the volume adjustment or pursue another option. If no response is received within 30 days, we will proceed with processing recommending 492.8 af for municipal use.

Regards,

James E. Stanton  
Sr. Water Resource Agent