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Director

Jerome County Planning Office
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RE: App For Transfer 72435, Big Sky Farms LP

Dear Art;

This letter is being written per the request of Jack McCall's office in order to update you on the status of this application. The application went into parallel processing with our Boise office on August 16; they have to review my initial review before the transfer can be advertised. I just checked with them, and was told that their pre-advertising review should be completed within a few days. Once they give the ok, the application will be scheduled for advertising. The advertising phase of processing takes about a month. The application has already been protested, even though the official protest period has not even started. There seems to be a lot of public opposition to this project, so I would expect a formal IDWR hearing to be held at some point; Allen Merritt of this office is in charge of scheduling meeting related to protested matters.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent

Cc: Jack McCall