

**WATER DISTRICT 72-C
CHALLIS CREEK**

**P. O. Box 910
Challis, Idaho 83226-0910**

June 10, 2006

Idaho Department of Water Resources
1341 Fillmore Street, Suite 200
Twin Falls, ID 83301-3380
Attention: Mary A. Baldwin
Administrative Assistant
Reference: Transfer No. 72769 – (Hughes)

RECEIVED
JUN 13 2006
DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
SOUTHERN REGION

Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

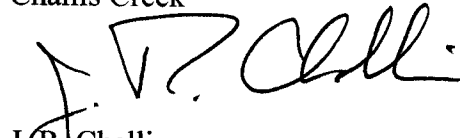
I would first like to preface my comments concerning the subject Transfer by stating I have been promoting this POD relocation for years. My position in this regard is unchanged. However, I find an error or misstatement in the subject Application.

Under Purpose Of Transfer, "Describe the reason for the proposed changes", the entry there is not totally correct. The stipulated abandonment or elimination of the current POD would also requires the agreement of two (2) other water right owners who also have the right to use this POD: Rod C. & Christine L. Thornton (72-00024D & 72-04231D) and William D. & Mary Ann Hasskamp (72-00024F, 72-00032A & 72-04231F). While I have discussed this issue with both and am confident they too will agree to abandon this POD **under certain conditions**, it is recommended this be a specific consideration in evaluation of this application, perhaps even a condition of approval.

Additionally it is my opinion the demolition or neutralization of this aged and decrepit concrete Lowline Canal structure should also be a condition of the application approval. This situation and such disposal is, at this writing, being considered by IF&G (Mr. Larry Weeks) since abandonment will eliminate the need for "screening" this diversion, a significant expense thus avoided. Should IF&G agree to neutralization or total demolition and removal this point would, of course, become moot.

With appropriate consideration of the foregoing I have no objections or foresee any negative consequences as a result of this Transfer.

Sincerely,
Water District 72-C
Challis Creek


J.R. Challis
Watermaster