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T0: Department of Water Resources, Western Region
2735 Airport Way
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Re: Water Right Application for Transfer No. 72547 in the Name of Joyce Pearson

I am filing a formal protest against approval for the change in the point of diversion for water rights 61-371A and 61-372 as submitted by Joyce Pearson in her Application for Transfer of Water Right (Transfer No. 72547). I protest this change in point of diversion as it will increase the water diverted under these rights in time and amount, reduce the water available to other water users on the creek and complicate the delivery of water.

I hold several water rights including a waste water right that I divert out of Little Canyon Creek at a point approximately a quarter mile up creek from where Joyce Pearson intends to place her new point of diversion. These water rights include water right numbers: 61-2000A, 61-2000B, 61-293D, 61-07236A, 61-07236B, 61-293D.

Since 1872 and 1892 the amount of water diverted under the rights Nos. 61371A and 61-372 has been restricted by the nature of Little Canyon Creek. The water in the creek diminishes after the early run off and by late July there is little water available at these points of diversion. In late summer the creek becomes dry and no water is available for diversion at the present points of diversion. However, just a short way down the creek water is still flowing. Wastewater seeping into the ground or running off the fields finds it way into the creek basin creating a new water flow that provides irrigation water for down stream users including myself and those in and around Glenns Ferry. It is a new source of water; not the water that flows down from the mountains as normal creek flow to Ms. Pearson's present diversions.

This transfer would allow the delivery of a greater amount of water over a longer period of time than can be delivered at the present points of diversion, **it would increase the water under water rights Nos. 61-371A and 61-372 in both time and amount. It would significantly reduce the water that is available to fill the rights of other users.**

Reducing the amount of water available for delivery by 80 miner inches could result in many small users not having water available for lawns and yards in the hottest months of the irrigation season. Larger users like myself would also have the amount of water available reduced. This would not only cause hardship for water users but also create a very difficult job for the water master.

However, if the transfer restricted the amount of water diverted at the point of the new diversion to that time and quantity of water that could be diverted at the original points of diversion, the water available for present users including Ms. Pearson should not change significantly. Such a restriction might remove, at least in part, problems of the transfer application as it now stands.

Change in points of diversion under Transfer No. 72547 would result in an increase in the amount of water and duration of time for water under rights Nos. 61-371A and 61-372 and reduction of the amount of water available for myself and other water users on Little Canyon Creek. It would increase the difficulty of delivery of water of Little Canyon Creek and could cause disputes between water users. For these reasons, I am protesting the Water Right Application for Transfer submitted by Joyce Pearson.

Please inform me if I need to send more information or take any other action in making this protest. Also, please send me any information concerning proceedings, hearings, decisions and appeals.

Thank you,



Carlene Smith

Encl. \$25.00 protest fee

Copy sent to Joyce Pearson, applicant; c/o Nathan Jones, ^{Certified}~~Registered~~ Mail #7005-1820-0004-6755-3429

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