

To IDWR:

Enclosed is application for exchange of water between Idaho Irrigation District and Progressive Irrigation District. Idaho Irrigation currently accesses 34206.41 acres in its district. Under our contract with the Bureau of Reclamation we can water up to 36000 acres. We have searched past records and have found that in 1961 we irrigated 35968 acres of land. Source: (Water Distribution and Hydrometric Work District No.36 Snake River, Idaho 1961 pg.17). In the past several years, Idaho Irrigation has encountered several exclusions from the District due to development of land into the City of Idaho Falls. In the last 4 years alone we have excluded 432.04 acres. Idaho Irrigation needs to annex new acres into its District to compensate for exclusions in the past. Idaho Irrigation has received a request for annexation of 1791 acres of land not currently being irrigated, from Russell Schwendiman. If Idaho Irrigation annexes the proposed land into its District, the water would have to be carried and delivered by Progressive Irrigation District through its canals.

Idaho Irrigation has decided to pursue annexation of the Russell Schwendiman land subject to the approval of Exchange Agreement from the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources and approval of environmental assessment by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Idaho Irrigation District currently carries 26.63 cfs of water for 1331.45 acres of Progressive Irrigation District users through Idaho Irrigation District canals. Progressive Irrigation supplies water for these users to Idaho Irrigation from the end of Progressive Irrigation canals. Under the enclosed application for exchange of water, Idaho Irrigation District proposes to furnish 26.63 cfs of water for Progressive Irrigation District 1331.45 acres through Idaho Irrigation canals. Progressive Irrigation District would in turn furnish 35.82cfs of water to Idaho Irrigation Districts 1791 acres for Russell Schwendiman through Progressive Irrigation canals.

Attached are detailed maps showing points of diversion for both Idaho Irrigation District and Progressive Irrigation District. Also are maps of the acres of each District under the proposed exchange. Also enclosed is carrying right agreement between both Districts. If any questions please contact Idaho Irrigation at 522-2356.

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