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RECOMMENDATION OF WATERMASTER

Application No: 69665

Applicant's Name: WILLIAM D. JONES & SON

Watermaster's Recommendation:

a) ☐ I do not oppose approval of this application.

b) ☐ I do not oppose approval of this application if it is conditioned as follows: _____

c) ☐ I oppose approval of this application for the following reasons: _____

d) Additional Comment: SEE ATTACHED COMMENT

Dated this 16 day of APRIL, 2002

Water District No: 43B

[Signature]
Watermaster's Signature

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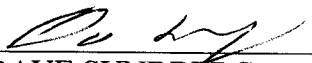
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April 16, 2002

Re: Application for Transfer of Water Right No.69665 (43-10356) William D. Jones & Son

In all reality you could have proceeded with this Application without my comments since both Points of diversion referred to are in District 43A. Then I would not have to stick my neck out. Joneses claim that the new point of diversion will give a more efficient use of the water right is unquestionably correct. To pump 0.56 cfs would probably only require 15 horse power so I was surprised when they told me they had 25 hp, if I remember right. There might be a tendency to take more than 0.56 cfs. I have heard comments that water runs into Almo Creek below the existing POD which has historically run into Raft River. There is a meadowy area between Almo Creek and Raft River which is visible in the aerial photo with some water running this winter which may be more or less depending on how the ground is irrigated. On April 10, I looked at it with Rod Jones and there was less than 0.05 cfs, a very tiny amount. I don't know how much is there in the irrigation season. I'm sure that it varies. Whether the Raft River users have developed a historical use right to this water would be for IDWR to decide.

Since this right is in District 43A, I have no records of the past use so I can not comment on that. No record exists in District 43B.



DAVE SUNDBERG