

State of Idaho Department of Water Resources

Protest of application for transfer #71617 in the name of Broken Arrow Farm.

Clarification of #6 "Basis of Protest".

Issues that relate to items under Idaho Code (IC) 42-222.

1. The proposed water transfer will injure other water rights in that domestic wells in the area will be effected by this change from irrigation to stock water and commercial water use because there will be no recharge to the aquifer and at this time the aquifer is dropping at a rate of 2 feet per year and has been for the last 35 years. The lack of recharge to the aquifer will definitely injure other water users by the increase in the dropping of the water table in the aquifer.
2. The proposed water transfer will constitute an enlargement of the original water right use because it will be pumping water 12 months out of the year and not the 6 or 7 months for the irrigation period.
3. The proposed transfer is not in the public interest because it will further deplete the regional aquifer due to the lack of recharge. There are seven (7) public drinking wells on Mountain Home Air Force Base that could be directly affected.
4. The proposed use is not consistent with the conservation of water resources within the state of Idaho. With the information that the regional aquifer has been dropping 2 feet per year for the last 35 years and the drought we have been in for the last 6 or 7 years with no end in sight it is imperative that we all conserve as much water as possible at this time.

Clarification of #7 "What would resolve your protest?"

Deny or suspend this water transfer until the regional aquifer shows signs of recovery.

* Submitted by protestant in response to Department letter 2/17/05
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