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RE: IDWR Tranfer No. 5349.			
Message: Attached is a copy of the letter we discussed asking you to disregard our Transfer Withdrawal Request. I will forward the letter containing original signatures to you after I receive the copy with Larry's original signature.			
If you do not receive all of the pages, please call back as soon as possible to (208)389-7303.			

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Pamela S. Skaggs
1301 North Orchard Street
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Re: IDWR Transfer No. 5349; Water Right No. 24-02005.

Dear Pam:

It is my understanding Larry Raymond, Manager of the Smoky Canyon Mine for the J. R. Simplot Company sent a letter dated April 28, 2000, to the IDWR requesting withdrawal of the above referenced transfer application. This letter was the result of a misunderstanding about the conditions the IDWR was placing on the approval of a temporary water appropriation application filed by Simplot with the IDWR's Eastern Region. Larry was under the mistaken impression that the approval for the temporary water appropriation was conditional upon withdrawal of this transfer application.

Through conversations with Harold Jones, the IDWR representative handling this transfer application, the misunderstanding about the necessity of withdrawing the transfer application as a condition to approving the temporary water appropriation was cleared-up. Under the circumstances, Simplot has determined the processing of the transfer application should continue.

We are very interested in pursuing approval of this transfer application and we are trying to resolve the outstanding protest. Please disregard Mr. Raymond's request to withdraw the transfer application. We shall continue to work closely with your Eastern Regional office in an attempt to resolve the protestant's concerns before a hearing is scheduled.

Sincerely,



Vic Conrad
Simplot Land and Development



Larry Raymond
Manager, Smoky Canyon Mine

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