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Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor
Western Region Office
Idaho Department of Water Resources
2735 Airport Way
Boise, ID 83705

Subject: Application for Transfer – LaVar Thornton

Dear Steve:

On behalf of LaVar and Wilma Thornton, and Layne and Lori Thornton, I am pleased to submit the enclosed (1) Notice of Water Right Change of Ownership and (2) Application for Transfer of Water Right.

The Notice of Water Right Change of Ownership is for all of water right 63-2986, a 225-acre portion of water right 63-3404, and a 75-acre portion of water right 63-7474. The Thorntons purchased the land appurtenant to these water rights from Anthony and Terry Miller in August 2003. The Millers will continue to own the 4-acre (0.08 cfs) portion of 63-3404 and the 20-acre (0.38 cfs) portion of 63-7474 that are appurtenant to the lands that they retained in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 2. Since these water rights have not been adjudicated yet, we understand that there is no filing fee for this notice.

The Application for Transfer of Water Right proposes creating a 451-acre permissible place of use for the three water rights. Within this permissible place of use, the Thorntons seek authorization to irrigate 300 acres with a maximum diversion rate of 5.70 cfs (285 inches or 2,565 acres) from the two existing wells. The transfer also adds a second point of diversion to water right 63-2986. A letter from the Thorntons' lender agreeing to the proposed water right transfer, and a check for the $450 transfer application fee are enclosed.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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