



State of Idaho

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THOMAS HAMILTON
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Re: Application for Transfer No. 71162 in the Name of Brandt Agency

Dear Protestant:

This office acknowledges receipt of your protests opposing the above-referenced application for transfer. The following are the criteria we consider when either approving or denying an application for transfer:

1. Will other water rights be injured by the transfer?
2. Will the change constitute an enlargement in the use of the original right?
3. Will the proposed change conflict with the local public interest?
4. Will the proposed use be contrary to conservation of water resources within the state of Idaho?

The department suggests you contact the applicant(s) directly in an effort to determine what is proposed by the application and to attempt to resolve the protest prior to the prehearing conference. Direct, sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve a protest.

If we may be of assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Westra', is written over a horizontal line.

JOHN WESTRA

Western Regional Manager

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Encl. Copy of Application