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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Steve Lester 
Idaho Department of Water Resources
2735 Airport Way
Boise, ID 83705

Matter: Water Exchange
Our File: 4463-9

Dear Steve:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy for conforming of an Application for Transfer of Water Right ("Application") which is being submitted on behalf of the Paul I. Corddry and Charlotte P. Corddry Living Trusts and David L. and Kathleen S. Palfreyman ("Corddry/Palfreyman"). Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$100.00 to cover the application fee. Please return the conformed copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The proposed transfer would exchange 3.4 cfs of a 1980 priority ground water right owned by Corddry/Palfreyman for 3.4 cfs of a 1974 priority ground water right owned by the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the "Church"). The exchange would fulfill the terms of an existing agreement between Corddry/Palfreyman and the Church. A copy of that agreement is included among the supporting materials attached to the Application. I understand that the Church is obtaining necessary signatures on its application, which would effect the transfer of the Church's 3.4 cfs to Corddry/Palfreyman. That application should be filed with the Department very soon. The form of the Church's application essentially mirrors the enclosed Application. The parties' intend that both applications be considered and processed together.

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Together, the two transfers will exchange the priority dates as to 3.4 cfs the parties divert from their respective existing wells. Because of the differences in the licensed duty of water for the two rights, the transfers also propose the "dry-up" of some of the acres of lands owned by Corddry/Palfreyman and the addition of the same number of acres of permissible irrigation on the lands owned by the Church. Because the rights have been licensed with a permissible place of use, Corddry/Palfreyman do not propose to designate specific acres for dry-up, but rather request that the total acres that may be irrigated within the existing permissible place of use simply be reduced accordingly, and that they be entitled to determine from year-to-year which acres will be irrigated, so long as the total irrigated acres in any year do not exceed the amount authorized by the transfer.

I would appreciate it if your office would review the Application and advise me as soon as possible if further information is required before the Department can begin processing. Also, once both applications have been received and accepted for processing, would you please provide me the opportunity to review the public notice before it goes out for publication?

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael C. Creamer

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cc: David Palfreyman (w/o encl.)
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