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Meridian, ID 83642
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Idaho Department of Water Resources
Sue Kreger, Administrative Assistant
2735 Airport Way
Boise, ID 83705-5082

RE: Water Right Application(s)

Dear Ms Kreger:

We, as users of the aquifer in the area of said application for Transfer of Water Right(s) #70900, would like to protest its transfer.

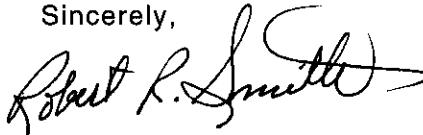
The said applicant is now discharging its surface water into the five-mile drain and has made no attempt to use it to water said three (3) acres of lawn. We feel that this is very poor use of our water, especially with the growth and the demand by the City of Meridian on our ground water. You would think that this church would want to use the surface water and not ground water.

The Woodbridge development, just to the south of this property, has put their surface water into the five-mile drain and then pumps it out to all of its landscape areas. We feel the church could do the same thing, and they can also use city water that is supplied to their property.

We have always used surface water for irrigation to protect our ground water level. These people came in here and want to defeat our efforts.

We respectfully request that you consider these options and decline their application.

Sincerely,



Robert R. Smith
Spokesman

Archie Roberson, (Marshall Smith, 6" 350' deep (log) present) Morgan Plant, A. Witherell, and L. Anderson