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LETTER OF PROTEST AGAINST APPLICATION
FOR WATER RIGHT NO. 34-13838

From Tip Harwood
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Director, Dept. of Water Resources
Eastern Region
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Dear Director,

I am protesting this application for water right for the following reasons.

1. Impounding any more water during the off irrigation season will only worsen the already critical water situation in the Lower Big Lost River area.
2. So much water has already been allocated in the upper reaches of Basin 34 that there has not been any water down the Big Lost, past the Leslie bridge, for recharging the ground water aquifer, in the past three years.
3. Domestic water wells continue to go dry in the lower valley. Costing the residents thousands of dollars to deepen or re-drill.
4. It is time Idaho Department of Water Resources begin to consider domestic water as a higher priority than recreation.

Thank you for the opportunity to Protest this Water Right Application.

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