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RE: Application for Transfer of Water Right 69603
Rights 36-2363, 36-4200, 36-7038A, 36-15374 & 36-15377

Dear Applicant:

Transfer 69603 proposes to split a portion of three of the rights listed above and transfer 51 acres of irrigation to a separate system approximately six miles South. An evaluation of this transfer was conducted based on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Ground Water Spreadsheet Analysis to determine whether there are any concerns related to the proposed change in point of diversion in the ESPA.

The Total Effects With the Transfer resulted in lower depletion than that Without the Transfer in all the reaches except the Milner to King Hill Reach. Depletion increased by up to 9.5% in this reach. The effects of the transfer do not appear to be within the ESPA guidance limits. I have enclosed a copy of the spreadsheet evaluation for your review.

In order to complete processing of this transfer the effects will have to be mitigated in some manner. You may need to contact a qualified consultant to assist you in this matter. Please submit a mitigation plan that describes how you plan to address the effects of the proposed transfer on the Milner to King Hill Reach.

The Department will hold further processing of your application for 30 days to allow submittal of the required information. Additional time may be granted by the Department upon receipt of a written request and sufficient justification for an extension. After that time, if adequate information is not received, the Department will issue a preliminary order to reject or deny the application.

If you require additional information regarding this matter, please call me directly at (208) 327-7943, e-mail me at pskaggs@idwr.state.id.us or contact me by mail, and I will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Skaggs
Sr. Water Rights Agent

Enclosure