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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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September 23, 2022

RICK LIKES, RONALD ESPLIN FARMS
747 E 1000 N
SHELLEY, ID 83274

Re: **APPROVED:** Request for Extension of Time to Install an Approved Measuring Device
Tracking Number: 2022-868

Mr. Likes,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”) received your September 22, 2022 request for an extension of the deadline to install an approved measuring device as required by the July 20, 2016 “Final Order on Reconsideration in the Matter of Requiring Measuring Devices for Ground Water Diversions in Water District Nos. 31, 34, 100, 110, 120, 130 and 140” (“Order”). The Order allows for the consideration of extension requests.

Details specific to your diversion (see attached map)

WMIS No.: 1001781
Site Tag: A0013423
Water Right: 27-7103
Beneficial Use: Irrigation

Reason for Approval:

- Signed and submitted the *Conditional Approval of Extension Request* form.
 - This well and ground water right authorizes the irrigation of 505 acres. However, the applicant stated this well has not been used since the late 1980’s. Instead surface water shares from the Snake River Irrigation District are used to irrigate these 505 acres. The ground water well is tied into the surface water pumping system and could be used to irrigate these acres.

Conditions of Approval:

1. Prior to diverting ground water from this diversion, the following action must be completed:
 - a. Install a measuring device from the Department’s List of Approved Closed Conduit Flow Meters and provide a minimum 10-day notice to Brian Ragan at 208-287-4934 to allow an opportunity for Departmental Staff to inspect and confirm that the installation meets the Department’s Minimum Standards, or

The Department kindly reminds you it is a violation of Idaho Code §42 701 to neglect to install and maintain an approved measuring device when required by the Director. Violations of this type make the water appropriator subject to the Department's administrative enforcement process of Idaho Code §42-1701B. This statute authorizes the Department to issue a cease and desist notice to any user who is not in compliance with Department orders. Such notice may instruct the Watermaster to curtail the diversion of water from the well and to assess civil penalties for any use of water.

Hard copies available upon request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian W. Ragan".

Brian W. Ragan
Water Distribution Section
Email: brian.ragan@idwr.idaho.gov

cc. Watermaster, Water District 120
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Map showing the point of diversion as a yellow dot.

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Date: Sept. 22, 2022
Name: Rick Wiles - Ronald Esplin Farms
Address: 747 E. 1000 N
City, State, Zip Code: Shelley Id. 83274
Phone Number: 208-313-0414

Re: **Conditional Approval of Extension Request to Install a Measuring Device and Commitment of Applicant Not to Divert.**

Well Site and Diversion Details

WMIS #: 1001781
Well Name: Main Station Well
Site Tag #: AG013423

Acknowledgment of Applicant:

The undersigned agrees to suspend and prevent any diversion of ground water from the identified well unless a flow meter is installed or a Variance Request is approved. This acknowledgment by the owner/operator supplements the Extension Request to defer installation of a flow meter as required by the July 2016 Order requiring measurement of ground water within the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. The undersigned understands that diversion from the well shall constitute a violation of Idaho Code Section 42-701, unless the following requirements are met prior to diversion:

1. Install a measuring device from the Department's List of Approved Closed Conduit Flow Meters (unless a Variance Request is approved); and
2. Provide a minimum 10-day notice to Brian Ragan* at 208-287-4934 to allow an opportunity for Departmental Staff to inspect and confirm that the installation meets the Department's Minimum Standards.

I, Rick Wiles (print name) understand that if ground water is diverted from this well without meeting the requirements above I may be subject to formal enforcement action by the Department as per Idaho Code §42-1071B which may include curtailment and the assessment of a civil penalty.

Dated this 22 day of September, 2022

x Rick Wiles (signature) TITLE: Owner / Partner

ORGANIZATION: Ronald Esplin Farms

* The Water Distribution Section Manager is to be contacted at 208-287-4800 in the event Brian Ragan is no longer with IDWR.

Cc: Watermaster
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